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## **Closing Ceremony of the 13/2001 SAFKAR INDOPURA Bilateral Exercise**

30 Oct 2001

Commander, 3rd Division, SAF, and guests, whom I respect.

Exercise Director and staff as well as participants of the 13/2001 SAFKAR INDOPURA bilateral exercise whom I am proud of.

As pious believers, let us give praises and thanks to the Almighty God that because of His mercy and blessings we are still given the physical and spiritual strengths to participate in the closing ceremony of the 13/2001 SAFKAR INDOPURA bilateral exercise.

On this happy occasion, I, as the Army Chief of Staff of the Indonesian National Defence Force (TNI), wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all participants for having successfully completed the 13/2001 Ex SAFKAR INDOPURA . For about a week, personnel of the TNI-AD and the SAF have taken part in a joint exercise to enhance our mutual understanding and cooperation between the two armies. Besides, there were also opportunities for the participants to know each other better as individuals that will further strengthen our friendship ties. This would contribute positively to the enhancement of the professionalism of soldiering as well as to improve the cooperation and good relations between the two armies.

Exercise participants, whom I respect,

The bilateral exercise activity between TNI and the SAF Army in the form of the SAFKAR INDOPURA series has come a long way, since 1989. Since then, it has developed positively from year to year. This signifies that the SAFKAR INDOPURA series of exercises we have conducted so far have achieved their desired aims and purposes. That is why such bilateral exercises must continue to improve in the future, both in quality as well as in quantity, in line with the demands of the rapidly changing environment.

I strongly hope that this series of bilateral exercise that we conduct once-a-year could continue to improve and move towards an exercise that is able to realise a cooperation between the two armies where there would be no obstacles of languages and understanding of differing battle procedures in facing a possibility of a real common threat. Such obstacles would be overcome through having standard procedures that have been understood and mastered well by all soldiers of both armies. I hope with the completion of this bilateral exercise, the experiences you have acquired, including both shortcomings and obstacles, would be evaluated and used as inputs to improve the next exercise.

Dear exercise participants,

To the command personnel of Ex SAFKAR INDOPURA 13/2001, I extend my appreciation and thanks for your dedication in planning the exercise in accordance with the existing bilateral exercise procedures and for successfully achieving the aims and purposes of executing the exercise. Furthermore, I would like to ask the Exercise Command to carry out a thorough evaluation of the processes and results achieved in this exercise and as I have said earlier, for these to be used as inputs to make the next exercise better.

To the Chief of Army, Singapore Army, I, as the Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Army, would like to specially extend my thanks and greatest appreciation for hosting this exercise and taking good care of the soldiers from the Indonesian Army during their stay here.

For the bilateral exercise in Indonesia next year, I would like to see that the joint exercise planning teams from both armies using the evaluation results as a basis for their planning so that the quality of the next bilateral exercise would be higher.

Finally, with the mercy of the great loving and caring God, on this Tuesday, the 30th of October, 2001 and at (...time), I officially declare the 13/2001 SAFKAR INDOPURA exercise closed.

May the great loving and caring God guides us always and gives us strength to continue to serve for the success of our nations and our countries, Singapore and Indonesia.

Thank you.

Singapore, 30 Oct 2001

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