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RSS Endurance Established Landing Site at Meulaboh

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The SAF's Helicopter Landing Ship, RSS Endurance, established a landing site at Meulaboh this afternoon. Meulaboh, on the western coast of Sumatra, had been cut off since the earthquake a week ago and could only be supplied by helicopters, including Singapore's Chinook helicopters. Establishing the landing site was a major breakthrough as it means that heavy engineering equipment and vehicles and significant loads of humanitarian supplies can now be brought from the RSN's landing ship into Meulaboh. The heavy equipment is urgently needed to clear roads, and possibly prepare landing strips for aircraft.

The establishment of the landing site was a difficult operation as the entire shoreline of Meulaboh had changed drastically due to the tsunami and severe flooding. The SAF had worked closely with the TNI in the effort to find a suitable landing site to unload the equipment and humanitarian supplies carried onboard RSS Endurance.