

problems and pledge ourselves to find solutions to them. With these words, I hope and trust U Thant will find it possible, in the interest of the Organisation and of international co-operation, to meet the wishes of all of us and agree to continue in office.

THE PEACE AGREEMENT

TURNING POINT IN HISTORY OF MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA

The signing of the Peace Agreement between Malaysia and Indonesia at Jakarta on 11th August, 1966, was described by Tun Abdul Razak as a turning point in the history of the struggle of the two countries to build and ensure their future destiny in Asia and the whole world. Below is the statement of Tun Razak after he had signed the agreement.

The people of Malaysia and, I believe the people of Indonesia, too, have been looking forward to the signing of this Agreement, desirous themselves that relations between the two countries should be restored to what they were before.

At the same time I should like to express my profound gratitude to the Government of Indonesia for the very warm reception given to my delegation on our arrival in Jakarta. Thanks to God, after going through a period of serious differences for three years today, the two neighbouring countries which have had close ties for centuries and have a common origin, have come to a mutual understanding to live in co-operation and assistance.

The Bangkok talks have brought about an understanding marking a significant step towards peace and friendship between the people of Malaysia and the people of Indonesia.

The Bangkok understanding represents a turning point in the history of the struggle of the people of Indonesia and the people of Malaysia to build and ensure their future destiny in Asia and the whole world.



The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr Adam Malik, inspecting the guard-of-honour on his arrival in Kuala Lumpur soon after the signing of the Peace Agreement in Jakarta. The Tun signed the Agreement for Malaysia. In the centre is Nazim, the Tun's fourth son.

The accord that was reached in Bangkok is in fact the result of the desire and the determination of the peoples of the two countries to achieve peace, friendship, brotherliness and happiness. They both were resolutely determined to overcome all past differences and obstacles and have given us the mandate to restore peace, resume friendship and achieve progress for Indonesia and Malaysia. They want peace and a new deal for a better life.

It is not war but peace that they want, friendship and not discord, construction and not destruction and progress and not retrogress.

I should like here to state with full conviction, on behalf of the Government and the people of Malaysia, that it is one of the main principles of our foreign policy to develop and maintain a spirit of co-operation and friendship in full between Indonesia and Malaysia.

We, in Malaysia, will spare no effort in seeking to make the friendship between Indonesia and Malaysia a reality and enduring. I am not frightened by those elements who seek to impede our struggle to achieve peace and prosperity. Malaysia will not be deterred but will continue to be vigilant regarding the activities of those elements, and we believe that we will succeed because our aim is a lofty and pure one.

We from Malaysia offer our hand in friendship and brotherliness to the people of Indonesia because friendship and close co-operation between the two countries are of the utmost importance not only for the peoples of both countries but also for the peace and stability of the whole of South-east Asia.

The people of Malaysia welcome a neighbouring Indonesia that is strong and powerful in South-east Asia, an Indonesia that is prepared to live in peace and co-operation with her neighbours. Especially we very much like to see Indonesia become strong and progress in stability, using her tremendous human potential and rich natural resources in order to resist the threats to South-east Asia from the disruptive forces.

I would like to stress that Malaysia is determined to strive and co-operate in order to ensure our common destiny in South-east Asia and in the world. The nations of South-east Asia must co-operate and be sincere to one another, and we believe Indonesia

will be able to play an important role in achieving good co-operation and friendship among the countries in South-cast Asia

Today we witness the realisation of resumption of relations between two neighbourly countries. Both have thus demonstrated to the world how two countries in South-cast Asia by displaying sincerity of desire can resolve their differences between themselves. I am convinced that this solution which has been reached directly will endure and will be an example to other countries in Asia how differences can be resolved if there is a sincere desire and the will to make up and be friends again.

The signing of the Agreement, as the Prime Minister. Tunku Abdul Rahman said following the Bangkok Accord, represents a victory for both Indonesia and Malaysia.

Malaysia views the ceremony today with great hopes that the co-operation and mutual understanding, which the peoples of Indonesia and of Malaysia have been looking forward to. will develop and grow »n strength. Malaysia hopes that the Treaty of Friendship signed on 17th April. 1959. will be revived and fully implemented. Likewise Malaysia entertains the hope that Indonesian co-operation will be forthcoming in helping to eliminate the Communist elements existing in the border areas, for their continued presence may give rise to an unfavourable atmosphere between the two countries. This is a step which needs to be taken by both as soon as possible for the sake of peace and in order to maintain the friendship and brotherliness between the two countries.

The efforts of Indonesia and Malaysia aimed at establishing stability, progress and prosperity in South-east Asia, in general, and in Malaysia and Indonesia, in particular, will necessarily take a long time to achieve and in so doing meet all kinds of tests and obstacles. But I am confident that all these can be overcome.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Malaysia I would like to give the assurance that Malaysia will take all necessary steps fully determined to strengthen the co-operation. and friendship between our two countries. Indonesia and Malaysia