

STATEMENT ON 29 AUGUST 1947 BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE
NETHERLANDS INDIES CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER

(Forwarded by the Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations)

On 29 August 1947, Lieutenant Governor-General of the Netherlands Indies, Dr. H. J. van Mook, issued a statement in which he enumerated the areas that were occupied by the Dutch at the termination on 4 August, of the police action, and in which the Netherlands Indies Government now holds itself responsible for the maintenance of law and order.

Following a detailed description of the occupied areas and their boundary lines, Dr. van Mook made the following statement:

"In line with the conceptions on which the police action was based, it was the intention of the Netherlands Indies Government that Republican officials and official organizations would continue their tasks in these territories subject to the Government's general responsibility. Since, however, the present Republican Government at Jogjakarta, even after the Netherlands Government decided to cease hostilities, continued to forbid its officials under various threats to fulfill this task, and moreover incited openly as well as covertly to further regular acts of violence, the Netherlands Indies Government declares:

- A. That no authority of the present Government of the Republic of Indonesia can be recognized any longer in the above-mentioned territories;
- B. That consequently the inhabitants in these territories are relieved of their duty to obey said Government and everybody is forbidden to follow orders of that Government;
- C. That Republican officials in those territories can continue their work in the general government under supremacy of the Netherlands Indies Government and under conditions applying to that service whereby they will be maintained in functions or will be reinstalled, barring proved unfitness of low conduct. With regard to functionaries who are superfluous in connection with the extent of work, measures will be taken to employ them elsewhere;
- D. That Republican officials, who do not wish to continue their work on these conditions, be considered relieved of their functions;
- E. That officials, if they so desire, or if they disturb order,

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directly or indirectly, can be removed to Republican territory;
F. That by energetic restoration and energetic maintenance of law and order a lasting safeguarding of all well-meaning citizens and foreigners of every nationality will be effected against the terrorism as practiced or favoured by the actual Republican Government, and that guarantees will be created that, in the future, they shall not fall victim to possible retaliation or punishment on that account.

The Government invites inhabitants and organizations willing to co-operate in the new political construction to join her in organized consultation so that a political organization will be effected as quickly as possible for the above-mentioned territories which can start its task in the framework of the principles of Linggadjati, and can be represented in the Central Interim Government to be formed as soon as possible.

In future conduct the following aims will prevail:

- A. Complete restoration of law and order and complete disarmament and winding up of armed organizations who do not recognize the existing and recognized authority, or the still to be formed government organs in said territories;
- B. Speedy co-operation between all parts of Indonesia where law and order reign, for further political construction in the preparation of the United States of Indonesia;
- C. Safeguarding of freedom of religion and equality of religions in regard to government;
- D. Restoration of education on the basis of efficient general education of the people and efficient continuation of higher and technical education whereby honest co-operation of political and religious organizations working in this field will be gladly accepted;
- E. Speedy restoration of the monetary and economic situation by complete co-operation in every field;
- F. Speedy restoration of traffic by re-employing all available means, personal as well as material;
- G. Restoration of law for all who were driven away from their properties, industries or trades, taking into consideration the rights and interests of those who have in good faith administered such properties or who owned similar industries or trades;
- H. Systematic care for labour so that the most suitable work be found for everybody, taking into consideration the urgency of quickly training Indonesian leaders in every field of labour;

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I. Regulation of social relations in such a way that not only the interests of employers and employees are brought into harmony and the greatest possible community of interests be furthered, but also that regular social care in co-operation with recognized and still to be formed organizations from both groups will come into being;

J. Systematic construction of a middle class, especially an Indonesian middle class, together with political and social organizations having this point on their programme."

