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With regard to the bombing incidents that took place in Jakarta on 17 July 2009, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has issued a press statement on the same day as follows:

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia strongly condemns the acts of terror that took place in Jakarta this morning, Friday, 17 July 2009 (bombings at Hotel J.W. Marriott and Hotel Ritz-Charlton). The innocent civilians have once again fallen victims of this murderous carnage.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia wishes to express its deepest condolences, sympathy and prayers to the victims and their families.

These horrible acts of terror posed an assault to democracy and freedom in Indonesia, and to the nation that recently has just once again demonstrated their maturity in practicing democracy. These terrorist acts were obviously aimed at damaging Indonesia's economy and positive image, which for the past five years have been tremendously nurtured.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia remains steadfast in its commitment and vigilance against terrorism. The Government's fortitude in consolidating democracy and bringing prosperity to the people will not be deterred by such cowardice acts.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia expresses its highest appreciation for the sympathy and relentless support kindly offered by its friendly countries and the international community.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia also wishes to assure its people and its friendly countries that the Indonesian security forces are working hard to find, investigate, and bring the perpetrators of these horrible acts to justice.

Recent information regarding the bombing:

1. The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia reported that the tragic incidents have claimed the lives of 9 persons and injured 57 others.
 - a. Among the deceased, 2 Australian citizens, 1 Singaporean citizen and 1 New Zealand citizen have been identified while other victims are still being identified.
 - b. 19 persons from the injured victims (16 Indonesian citizens and 3 foreign citizens) are now being treated in 3 hospitals in Jakarta, while 28 victims have left the hospitals and 10 others (1 Indonesian citizen and 9 foreign citizens) have been evacuated to Singapore.
2. The National Police of the Republic of Indonesia suspected that the perpetrators of these heinous acts of terror received foreign support and linked to top terrorist fugitive, Mr. Noordin M. Top.

3. At the moment, the National Police and the National Intelligence Agency of the Republic of Indonesia continue to work hard in investigating the matter in order to bring the perpetrators of these horrible acts to justice.

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