

Wiranto-Xanana sign agreement to complete land border issues

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Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Wiranto (center) and Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste Xanana Gusmao (left) signed an agreement on land boundaries between the Republic of Indonesia and Timor Leste at the Office of the Ministry in Jakarta on Monday (22/7 / 2019). (ANTARA/Fauzi Lamboka/ea)

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Jakarta (ANTARA) - Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Wiranto and Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste Xanana Gusmao signed an agreement on unresolved segments of land boundaries.

In a meeting that lasted nearly 30 minutes in Jakarta on Monday, Xanana also acted as chairman of the negotiations on the land boundaries between Indonesia and Timor Leste. The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Retno Marsudi witnessed the signing of the agreement. "I say that all land boundary negotiations are in principle complete. Next, we will continue the maritime boundary negotiations," Wiranto explained.

With the completion of the agreement, a senior officer consultation (SOC) would be followed up in the second addendum, the 2005 border agreement between Indonesia and Timor Leste, Wiranto stated.

Meanwhile, on behalf of East Timor, Xanana Gusmao expressed his gratitude to Wiranto and Marsudi.

"In principle, we already have an agreement on the land boundaries. Brotherhood between two countries tomorrow will be better," Xanana said.

The two borders between Indonesia and Timor Leste are Noel Besi-Citrana and Bidjael Sunan-Oben.

The border of Noel Besi-Citrana is an area in Kupang Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, which is directly adjacent to Oecusse-Ambeno, a part of the territory of Timor Leste, while Bidjael Sunan-Oben is an area located in Manusasi, Timor Tengah Utara District (TTU).