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verklaring van masjumi voorzitter natsir over de verhouding tot nu en p.s.i.i. in verband met ned-indon. besprekingen.
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the decision adopted at the tripartite meeting (psii-nu-masjumi) followed by the meeting of government parties with the cabinet on december 31, 1955 was that negotiations should be broken off within short.

it was also realized by all parties both in the tripartite meeting and the joint meeting of the cabinet with the government parties, that the breaking off of the negotiations should be conducted in a normal orderly way and with us in a good position.

it was agreed that in this respect the two delegations (indonesian and dutch delegations) should meet first on january 4, 1956, with the understanding that the talks would not consume too much time. it was decided that january 6, 1956 was made the tentative date the talks should end. even if points of agreement are reached, they also should be identical with the points of agreement among parties, to avoid future difficulties for the parties. because the function of these talks is primary to pave the way for the future government.

this has been conducted by the delegation. the talks were ended on january 6/7 1956 at 2 a.m., at which time the indonesian delegation forwarded the final formulation to which the dutch side should respond with a "yes" or "no". the date conformed the tentative date mentioned at the tripartite meeting.

as is known, the government has nevertheless decided to recall the delegation for further consultations before receiving a categorical reply from the netherlands, in order that all sides may get complete materials for consideration before the government and parties take a definite stand.

although this may weaken our position in the talks and abroad, as a serious effort to overcome difficulties at home, the government has nevertheless taken that step. however, the realization of this decision was caught up by the stand adopted by the nu and psii, so that the return of the delegation under such circumstances has lost the desired meaning.

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i, who have been making constant contacts with our brothers leaders of the nu and psii these last two weeks know very well, that not for one single moment have they interpreted the course of events in the way as h.siradjuddin abbas' statement has tried to give the impression.

i can understand the basic reason for the decision taken by our brothers in the nu and psii under such circumstances, and i believe that our brothers from the nu and psii too can understand the reason behind the decision of the masjumi and other government parties under similar circumstances.

it is my conviction that if what has taken place is seen in its true proportion, it is evident that this event will not be an obstruction to keeping the door open for future cooperation among moslem political parties, which is vital for our religion, people and state.

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