## **ANNEX II**

## Background of Millah Abraham/ Gafatar

The Millah Abraham is a belief system of the true way of life as exemplified by people who have been blessed by the Lord. This belief refers to the teachings of the "father of the prophets" Abraham, with the main teachings of monotheism that serves one master. The purpose of this teaching is to create a peaceful and prosperous life on earth that is based on the principle of love. The mission must be achieved by non-violent means or performing symbolical acts, and to act concretely and sincerely to unite humans lives with nature. It seeks to constantly improve the individual's moral life, to be clear from all impure and evil thoughts, such as the desire to steal, to lie, to commit adultery, to kill, as stated in the 10 commandments.

This teaching was initiated by Ahmad Mushaddeq alias Abdussalam in 2001. Before being named the Millah Abraham, this community was known as Al-Qiyadah Al-Islamiyah. In 2007, Ahmad Mushaddeq was found guilty under Article 156a of the Criminal Code and sentenced to four years in prison by the South Jakarta District Court. Since then, the community was renamed the Millah Abraham.

On 14th August 2011, the Millah Abraham's followers founded an organization named the Gerakan Fajar Nusantara (Gafatar). The vision was the realization of orderly life within the community, creating a peaceful nation that is civilized, fair and dignified under the shield of God Almighty. The mission of the Gafatar was to strengthen solidarity, togetherness, unity and integrity among members in particular and for the nation and the world in general. The organization also aims to maintain cooperation and understanding between institutions that have similar concerns with attention to efforts of peace and prosperity of the world. The concrete actions cover social, cultural, scientific, environmental, and nationalism. For example, conducting community services such as blood-drives, tree-planting to conserve forest and nature, cleaning up rivers to prevent flooding, celebration of the national festivities, organic farming to provide natural healthy food and other positive activities.

During 2012- 2015, Gafatar failed to obtain Registration Certificate (SKT) from the Ministry of the Internal Affairs for various reasons. Finally in August 2015, the organization was disbanded by its members. Since then, social activity was no longer to be implemented. To continue the mission of being one with nature, the only activity that was possible was organic farming.

After the organization was dismissed, the Millah Abraham followers agreed to establish an organic farming community on the Borneo/Kalimantan Island - West, East and Central Kalimantan, named "Negeri Karunia Tuan Semesta Alam Nusantara", which means "Nusantara the Country Land Given by the Lord of the Universe". Borneo was chosen as the land price was relatively low, spaciously available and the acceptance of the locals was also evident.

Unfortunately, this organic farming community did not last long. On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016, a mob claiming to be "local residents" attacked and burned two settlements of the Millah Abraham/ex-Gafatar in Moton Asam Hamlet, Antibar Village, East Mempawah, West

Kalimantan and in Suap Hamlet, Pasir, Mempawah Hilir, West Kalimantan. They burned, destroyed and looted all the assets of the members, also expelled this community out of their lands. Unfortunately, the violence and attacks were not followed by government protection or prosecution. In contrast, the government issued a policy to repatriate the Millah Abraham/ex-Gafatar followers that resided in the West and East Kalimantan back to their homelands. In addition to post-repatriation, the Indonesian National Police arrested and detained the three leaders of the Millah Abraham and charged them with blasphemy and treason.