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Garuda Shield 2007 scheduled for kick-off

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii – U.S. Army Soldiers, along with members of the Indonesian army (TNI-AD), are scheduled to work together to strengthen their relationship in the first Garuda Shield exercise April 16-27 in Bogor, West Java, Republic of Indonesia.

During the exercise, U.S. and Indonesian soldiers will improve capabilities in Peace Support Operations and Civil Military Operations.

“The specific goals of Garuda Shield are conducting combined training and promoting positive military-to-military relations in a UN-led Peace Support Operational environment,” said Lt. Col. John C. Williams, U.S. Army, Pacific public affairs officer.

Approximately 120 Indonesian soldiers from the TNI-AD’s 1st Infantry Division, based in Bogor, and 60 U.S. Army, Pacific Soldiers from the 9th Regional Readiness Command, U.S. Army Reserve, the Hawaii Army National Guard and 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Alaska will participate in the exercise.

A Garuda is a mythical predatory bird of intelligence and social organization and is the National Symbol of Indonesia.

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Pictured Above: View outside the army base in Bogor, home of the TNI-AD's 1st Infantry Division. U.S. Army photo by Lt. Col. Mark Zimmer.