

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE TO VISIT INDONESIA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

The Prime Minister announced today that the Minister for Defence, Mr. Townley, would be paying a short visit to Indonesia.

This would be a visit in return for the visit which General Nasution and Mrs. Nasution paid to Australia last year.

The Prime Minister said it was regretted that, because of the Election last year and the political situation since, it had not been possible for the courtesy visit to be repaid before now.

Mr. Townley would leave for Djakarta in about ten days' time and would be away for approximately one week.

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