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**BAUCAU DISTRICT COURT TRIES CASES INVOLVING VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN**

Between 16 – 19 March 2009 the Women's Justice Unit of JSMP conducted monitoring of gender based violence cases in the Baucau District Court. While eight cases of gender based violence were supposed to be tried during the week, only six hearings took place. The other two cases were adjourned because the defendants failed to attend despite being summoned by the court.

Of the six monitored cases, three related to domestic violence and three related to sexual assault. The Baucau District Court issued a final decision in one of the cases. The other five trials are continuing.

The case decided by the Baucau District Court involved domestic violence. The presiding judge determined that the defendant, the victim's husband, committed the criminal act of maltreatment against the victim on two occasions, first in 2002 and again in 2005. Based on the facts and evidence established during the trial, the judge found the defendant guilty of maltreatment pursuant to Article 351.1 1 and Article 356.1 of the Indonesian Penal Code and sentenced the defendant to four years imprisonment without having to pay any court costs.

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