

INDONESIAN WOMEN'S INSIGHT ON VARIOUS TOPICS

The Situation Development of Timor Leste Refugees Post Election From The Social and Legal Aspect

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Abstract :

As neighbouring countries not only based upon its geographical but also its historical, Indonesia and Timor Leste has developed a lot of effort to overcome residual issues that arose from Timor Leste separation from Indonesia such as the refugee problem. Protection of Refugees is a classical issue in International Law. Even though the right to seek asylum has been enshrined in The Indonesia constitution (UUD 1945, Law Number 39/1999, Law Number 37/1999. Until now Indonesia has not ratified or acceded to any international instruments on refugees. In the cases of Timor Leste's Refugees. Indonesia and Timor Leste have to create a bilateral cooperation based on peaceful co-existence principles, and good neighbourliness principles.

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I. Foreword

There are two refugee areas in Indonesia, the first one is located in Galang island, first used for Vietnamese refugees during and after the Vietcong regime. The wave of refugees began during the fall of the capital of South Vietnam, Saigon, to North Vietnam on July 2nd 1976. These refugees left their own country due to discrimination and intimidation in their own country. They escaped Vietnam using a boat, ergo the nickname 'boat people.'¹ The refugees arrive in waves, and in their journey some are stranded in other countries such as Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines and Hongkong.

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