

Slow Response of Jakarta UNHCR to Afghan Refugees



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Talking about refugees in Indonesia, arrahman has carried a report on Mahmood and Mohammad Mehdi (27), two of the Afghan refugees staying in nine tents in Kebon Sirih, Central Jakarta. They left Malaysia for Indonesia by boat and arrived in Medan, Sumatra in 2013.

The migrants had stayed in Bogor, West Java up to mid-2017 before moving to Jakarta around six months ago to meet the management of UNHCR or the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in dealing with Afghanistan refugees in Indonesia.

They expressed their gratitude to many (ordinary) Indonesian people for their kindness such as providing them with tents and anything to support them to survive during their miserable five years.

Although they have already come to UNHCR office during the past 198 days with their 200 letters, the management of the Commissioner does not seem to have done anything at all yet.

Mentioning that he would keep coming, sitting down in front of the office every day from 7.30 a. m. to 6.30 p. m., Mohammad Mehdi said he would keep giving another similar letter to the office. It reads that the tens of Afghanistan refugees in Jakarta are expecting their hands to both, processing their case to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and providing them with financial support to survive.

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