



NEWSLETTER IMWU

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IMWU NL is a self-founded organisation, established by and for the Indonesian Migrant Workers in the Netherlands. IMWU NL aims at promoting the labour rights for all workers particularly Indonesian, both documented and undocumented, in the Netherlands. We determine to eliminate human trafficking, jobs trade, abuses and various forms of human rights violation and discrimination against all workers particularly the Indonesian workers in the Netherlands.

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24 Jun - **What you're up to, police? doing such inhumane treatment to undocumented?**

#1

Yesterday, some of our friends were taken early in the morning from their house by police . Around 29 undocumented migrants were being interrogated more than 12 hours and they may not contact their lawyer. By information we know they were 12 Filipinos and 7 Indonesian.

At the end of the day our friends were released but they must leave their phone, ipad and computers as well as their passport. This is very much inhumane treatment to our fellows, we against this kind of treatment and WE CALL YOU to help us in solidarity to fight against discrimination and inhumane treatment of police.

#2

Filmis Migrants:

Dear all, This morning, as early as 6' o'clock, the IND/police raided several houses of the undocumented migrants in several places in Den Haag, the Netherlands. Sad to say, around 29 undocumented migrants (different nationalities) were arrested and, more or less, 12 of them were Filipinos, according to a verified report. The police confiscated their mobiles, passports, i-phones, chargers etc. during the raid. The police even forced to destroy the door of one of the houses just to enter when no one inside opened it for them. They were brought to the police station for interrogation and identification purposes.

During the course of the interrogation, the police investigator showed pictures to identify them, and asked some information of people they also knew on the same pictures too. The police blatantly told them to report on July 8 for the purpose of deportation; otherwise, they would be hunted. They were released after more than long hours of interrogation. This unfortunate experience has left them a scar of confusion and worriedness about their future when they finally returned to their countries of origin. What is important now especially for all irregular migrants - always be prepared for any kind of eventuality...Just keep going for your goal and take some precautions to avoid getting caught. Remember too that there is life after the Netherlands...

Just pray!



Read More:

<http://www.doorbraak.eu/woede-over-haagse-politierazzia-tegen-migranten-zonder-papieren/>

<http://www.doorbraak.eu/razzias-en-etnische-profilering-tegen-indonesiers-zonder-verblijfsrecht/>

<http://www.doorbraak.eu/nog-meer-etnische-profilering-haagse-politie-hield-half-jaar-lang-112-mensen-met-een-aziatisch-uiterlijk-in-de-gaten/>

#3

We just got a great news from our lawyer that the arrest of our fellows last June 24th was unlawful!!!! We against discrimination and criminalization action from police!

#4

Imwu Netherlands and Filmis Migrants held meeting with Ahru Netherlands (Alliance of Human Rights for the Undocumented) about the inhumane arrest of 22 undocumented on 24 June 2015



29 Aug – Indonesian Scholar Talks

IMWU NL supports Indonesian Students Association Netherlands (PPI Belanda) in the Indonesian Scholar Talks, presentations and discussions of 10 elected speaker of the 5 areas study. This year IMWU Netherlands only support and introduce ourselves, hopefully next year we can become presenter and raise issues of Indonesian migrant workers in the Netherlands to students and academicians. The event was held on Saturday 29aug at 10:00 to 17:00 at ISS, kortenaekade 12 den haag.

MOVIE SCREENING “DISPEREERT NIET”

On March 20 the Indonesian Migrant Workers Union (Imwu Netherlands) for the first time showed the impressive documentary “Dispereert Niet” (“Do not despair”) about Indonesian migrant workers without a residence permit in the Netherlands. The film illustrates how difficult life in illegality is but it does not portray the migrants as “sad cases”. On the contrary, film maker Irwan Ahmett clearly presents the migrants as self-confident people who have had to make difficult choices to provide for themselves and for their family, and who are able to support each other through self-organisation in IMWU. “Dispereert niet” or “Do not give up” is a film about hope and struggle. Read more:

<http://www.doorbraak.eu/film-do-not-despair-shows-strength-and-resistance-of-indonesian-migrants/>



29 Jun - Movie screening in Tanoker, Jember

29 Jul – Movie Screening “Dispereert Niet” in Atma Jaya University, Jakarta

This event was organised by [Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia](#), [Trade Union Rights Centre - TURC](#), [Imwu Netherlands](#), and [VIADUCT](#). The event also was attended and opened by representative of dean



31 Jul – Movie screening in [GoetheHaus Jl Sam Ratulangi 15-19 Menteng Jakarta.](#)



This event was organised by [IOM Indonesia Sampoerna Strategic](#), [Komnas Perempuan](#), [Migrant CARE](#), [Imwu Netherlands](#), [Trade Union Rights Centre - TURC](#), [Jala Prt](#), and [Jaringan Buruh Migrant](#)

5 Aug – Movie screening in Omah Munir, Malang



This event was organised by [Imwu Netherlands](#), [BPJS](#), [Watch JATIM](#), [Relawan JAMSOS](#), [Omah Munir](#), [Jala Prt](#), [Jaringan Buruh Migran](#), [Sbmi Jatim](#), [TKI-SA](#), and [BNP2tki](#)

7 Aug - Movie screening in Solo



This event was organised by [Imwu Netherlands](#) [Jala Prt Jaringan Buruh Migran](#) [Sari SoloSpek Ham Cak Mul](#) [Migrant CARE](#)

8 Aug – Movie screening in Wonosobo



3 Sept – Movie Screening in Surabaya



Movie Screening in Madura



Movie Screening with KOPLING (Komunitas Peduli Lingkungan), community from three districts in Sumenep, Madura. They are really extraordinary!

Movie Screening in Taiwan



News about Dispersed Niet screening in Indonesia:

<http://www.wonosobozone.com/2015/08/di-speret-niet-film-beratnya-kehidupan.html?m=1>

<http://berita.suaramerdeka.com/smcetak/98-dokumen-buruh-migran-di-belanda-bodong/>

<http://wonosobokab.go.id/index.php/berita/seputar-wonosobo/item/3872-sbmi-wonosobo-gandeng-imwu-nl-putar-film-pekerja-migran-indonesia-di-belanda>

<http://memoarema.com/62880-sbmi-putar-film-buruh-migran-belanda>

<http://www.bnp2tki.go.id/read/10385/Film->

<http://m.malangtimes.com/baca/2702/20150805/164020/film-despereert-niet-ungkap-persoalan-tki-di-belanda/>

<http://berita.suaramerdeka.com/smcetak/diskusi-masalah-buruh-migran/>



<http://suryamalang.tribunnews.com/2015/08/05/ini-wajib-diketahui-calon-tki-kerja-di-belanda-tak-semanis-iming-iming>

<http://www.simpulsesemarang.org/2015/06/permasalahan-buruh-migran-dari-hulu-ke-hilir.html>

<http://majalahkartini.co.id/berita/rumah-tangga-dan-kesehatan-masih-jadi-masalah-pekerja-migran>

<http://www.suara.com/entertainment/2015/08/01/080340/kisah-suram-pekerja-migran-indonesia-di-negeri-kincir-angin>

<http://m.galamedianews.com/film--tv/34801/irwan-ahmett-filmkan-kehidupan-migran-di-belanda.html>

<http://www.antaranews.com/berita/509897/goethehaus-putar-film-kisah-pekerja-migran-indonesia-di-belanda>

<http://www.malangtimes.com/baca/2716/20150805/190704/sbmi-desak-pemerintah-berantas-mafia-tki-ilegal/>

<http://www.malangtimes.com/baca/2702/20150805/164020/film-despereert-niet-ungkap-persoalan-tki-di-belanda/>

<http://www.malangtimes.com/baca/2709/20150805/182945/sbmi-akan-putar-film-despereert-niet-di-kantongkantong-tki/>

NEWS FROM FRIENDS



Congratulation to Yogi who recently got the diploma from Netherlands school. He participated in official course held by VCA. Don't let immigration status hinder our willingness to learn. Who's next? When there is a will, there is a way.

Congratulation to SriRejeki Koto who passed dutch course and got the diploma.

More info about the course:

Address: VRIENDSCHAPSHUIS
Palembangstraat 52
1094 TK Amsterdam. Tel. 020 7525131 Of 06-47440672

Meer informatie: Wilt u meer weten? Kijk dan op - w. www.assadaaka.nl of neem op maandag tot met vrijdag tussen 10.00 en 17.00 uur contact op via: E.info@assadaaka.nl.



SOLIDARITY GALLERY

28 Jun - [Imwu Netherlands](#) participated in [Wereldhuis Amsterdam & GKIN 's summer party](#)



10-12 Aug - **Labor Migration: Who Benefits?**



Global Conference Workers Rights dan Shared Prosperity was held on August 10-12 2015 in Bogor, host by Solidarity Center and Migrant CARE

12 Aug – **Congress Diaspora in Jakarta**



[Migrant Workers Task Force-Indonesia Diaspora Network](#) held Diaspora Congress at Ruang Auditorium Binakarna, Hotel Bidakara, Jakarta



21 Aug - Meeting with JALA PRT in Kalibata, Jakarta

Together with coordinator [Jaringan Buruh Migran](#), [Savitri Wisnuwardhani](#), had discussion with Kabid Hukum & HAM and staff from Kominfo Sekretariat Negara to relay migrant workers issues to President directly.



Meeting with Kontras Surabaya

Meeting with human rights and labor activist from [Trade Union Rights Centre - TURC](#)



FNV Summer Feest



30 Aug - IMWU GOES TO BRUSSELS

sunday 30 August at Pesta Rakyat [Kbri Brussel](#)

Together with [BNI Belanda](#), IMWU attended Pesta Rakyat held by Indonesian Embassy in Brussels to visit the Indonesian community in Belgium, especially to meet the Indonesian migrant workers in Belgium. *Salam solidaritas & perjuangan!*



3 Sept - **Discussion with HIVOS, MIGRANT CARE from Indonesia** about domestic workers situation and undocumented migrants at [Ratna Saptari](#)'s house . Thank you for the warm dinner and discussion. Let's strengthening our spirit to encourage Indonesian government to ratify ILO Convention 189 about decent working condition of domestic workers.



5 Sept – IMWU Bazaar at Pesta Rakyat, SIN The Hague



Alhamdulillah, the event was successful. Representatives from Amsterdam, Den Haag, and Rotterdam also participated in this event. The bazaar was also selling well. The friends of IMWU Amsterdam who came by bus which facilitated by [Imwu Netherlands](#) enlivened and enjoyed the Indonesian festival held by Indonesian Embassy in the Hague.



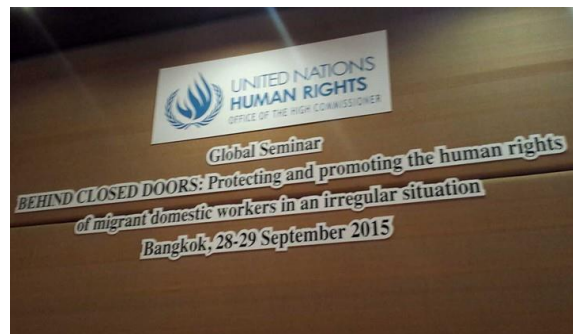
27 Aug - IMWU leaders gathering



28 – 29 Aug - Workshop ITUC IDWF and Workshop OHCHR about Domestic Migrant Workers in Bangkok



ILO-IDWF-ITUC Regional Workshop on domestic worker organization: an exchange of knowledge and experience among practitioners. Ajeng, our representative from IMWU noted some important points of the workshop. The participants came from Thailand, Somalia, Nepal, Philippines, India, Hong Kong, and Indonesia. Every panel members gave explanation about domestic members situation in each country. There was also launching of “My Fair Home”, a campaign program for domestic workers to encourage fair salary, health facilities, and other workers right issues. In the end of first day, we took a selfie with attributes as a symbol for commitment. Second day topics were protection strategies for domestic workers.



Preparation meeting of BNI & partners' event on 6 December at event plaza: Coming Soon!



Gallery Sahabat IMWU

Dalam kunjungannya ke Indonesia IMWU mendapat kesempatan berharga untuk bertemu dengan keluarga dari buruh migran tak berdokumen di Belanda



OTHERS

Information from Advocat Kleijweg that children at 18 years old can apply and do internship jobs as a requirement of the study (301 - besluit 10 July 2015 article 1F)



Innalilahi wainnailaihi rojiun, kami keluarga besar [Imwu Netherlands](#) turut belasungkawa atas kepergian bapak [Sardjio Mintardjo](#) (1936-2015). Semoga amal ibadah beliau diterima disisi Allah SWT.

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