

PROTECTION OF INDONESIAN LABOR IN MALAYSIA IN THE ERA OF PRESIDENT JOKOWI

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ABSTRACT

The problems of Indonesian Migrant Workers (TKI) abroad cannot be resolved quickly and precisely because the ineffectiveness of the relevant regulations limits the responsibility and authority between ministries, institutions and agencies related to the protection of TKI abroad. The Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the Ministry of Manpower (Kemenaker) and the National Agency for the Placement and Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers (BNP2TKI) as the core institutions in protecting TKI have overlapping authority and responsibilities. For this reason, Jokowi's first step to overcome the problem of migrant workers is to revise Law No. 39 of 2004.

The revised law will only regulate general norms. Meanwhile, detailed matters such as implementation, organizational structure, and other matters are contained in Presidential Regulations or derivative regulations. The revision of Law Number 39 of 2004 is an effort to synergize the regulation and protection of migrant workers abroad. President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) instructed the formation of a body to implement policies for the placement and protection of TKI. The head of the agency implementing the policy on the placement and protection of TKI will be appointed by the President. It will be fully responsible to the Minister of Manpower.

To increase the protection of migrant workers, the President instructed the government to immediately form Labor Attachés in countries where there are many migrant workers. A country's absence of a Labor Attaché affects the government's freedom in protecting problematic migrant workers. In forming a Labor Attaché, the Ministry of Manpower will coordinate with other related ministries and institutions to formulate technical matters related to the formation of an Attache.

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