

# Efforts to Handle Illegal Immigrants in Indonesia

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## Abstract

The Indonesian government implements a selective policy or policies that are selective towards every foreign citizen who enters Indonesia. Handling illegal immigrants emphasizes preventive, repressive and international cooperation efforts. Efforts to prevent the entry of illegal immigrants into Indonesia are carried out through an inspection process for foreign citizens wishing to enter Indonesian territory. Prevention is also carried out in order to increase supervision of foreign citizens when they are in Indonesia and supervision of foreign citizens in every activity they carry out while in Indonesia.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Illegal immigrants are individuals who enter or stay in a country without complying with applicable immigration laws, including entering without permission and not using official channels determined by that country. Illegal immigration is becoming an increasingly complex issue in this era of globalization, including in Indonesia. The entry of illegal immigrants into a country can have a significant negative impact, both in terms of security, social and economy. Therefore, the Indonesian government continues to strive to improve immigration management and deal effectively with the problem of illegal immigrants. The influx of illegal immigrants in Indonesia has a negative impact on politics, social security and culture. They make dangerous journeys for economic reasons and population growth in their home countries. The use of "boat people" represents a wide range of attempts to cross national borders at great risk, and many are involved in human trafficking. The presence of illegal immigrants poses a threat to security in the country of origin and destination. To overcome this problem, effective policies are needed, including efforts to combat human smuggling and trafficking as well as implementing strict immigration controls. This aims to reduce the security risks posed by illegal immigrants and protect the interests of the country and its people. The phenomenon of illegal immigrants has become an international issue because it involves the movement of people without following international legal procedures, such as those regulated by the IOM and UNHCR. The term illegal immigrant for entering another country without official permission. This is complex and affects security, law and humanity, requiring international cooperation to handle it. Illegal immigrants who come to Southeast Asia, especially Indonesia, generally aim to transit before continuing their journey to Australia. This condition is often exploited by people smugglers who make a profit by helping migrants cross to Australia by boat from beaches in Indonesia. The Indonesian government implements a selective policy towards foreigners entering the country, with an emphasis on prevention, action and international cooperation in handling illegal immigrants. handling of illegal immigrants is focused on three main things: prevention, prosecution, and international cooperation. Prevention is carried out by increasing supervision of foreigners in Indonesia and tightening supervision of foreigners while they are active in Indonesia. This aims to prevent the entry of illegal immigrants and political asylum seekers. Action against illegal immigrants is also carried out directly, such as deportation, detention and extradition. These steps were taken to reduce the number of illegal immigrants entering Indonesia. International cooperation is considered very important in dealing with the problem of human trafficking and smuggling. Therefore, the Indonesian government is collaborating with other countries in this regard to strengthen handling of illegal immigrants and human trafficking. International cooperation related to illegal immigrants, such as cooperation in the ASEAN,

ASEM, UN and Bali Process forums. The role of international organizations dealing with illegal immigrants, refugees and political asylum seekers such as IOM and UNHCR.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

This research was conducted based on library research by collecting related data through reviewing books, journals and information on the internet. The search for data is as accurate as possible based on sources that are trusted and can be used as material for writing scientific papers and have gone through a long research process beforehand. Based on the data collection and analysis process above, the author obtained related research results regarding efforts to handle illegal immigrants in Indonesia. The population of this research is transnational crime that receives protection from the state government. This research aims to provide treatment for state security. This prevention is also carried out by increasing supervision of foreigners when they are in Indonesia and supervision of foreigners in every activity carried out while in Indonesia. Efforts to suppress the entry of illegal immigrants and political asylum seekers through direct action, such as deportation, detention and extradition. Government policy by establishing international cooperation is very important in terms of resolving the problem of human trafficking and smuggling.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### *Policy for Handling Illegal Immigrants*

From the results of the analysis, it appears that the policies implemented by the Indonesian government have covered various aspects, from law enforcement to repatriation programs. However, there are still several weaknesses that need to be corrected, such as a lack of coordination between agencies and a shortage of human and technical resources.

### *Policy Effectiveness*

Evaluation of policy effectiveness shows that although some measures have been successful in dealing with illegal immigrants, there is still room for improvement. For example, law enforcement can be improved through increased cooperation between law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders.

### *Socio-Economic Impact*

Socio-economic impact of the problem illegal immigrants are very significant. Socially, the presence of illegal immigrants can create tension between local communities and immigrants, as well as affect social and cultural structures. From an economic perspective, illegal immigrants can create unhealthy competition in the labor market and affect regional economic balance.

### *Recommendations*

Based on these findings, several recommendations were given to the Indonesian government. One of them is improving coordination between agencies and strengthening regional cooperation in handling the problem of illegal immigrants. In addition, efforts should also be made to increase public awareness about this problem and implement rehabilitation programs for illegal immigrants who wish to return to their home countries. By implementing these recommendations, it is hoped that the Indonesian government can increase the effectiveness of handling illegal immigrants and reduce their socio-economic impact in the long term.

## 4. CONCLUSION

This journal concludes that handling illegal immigrants in Indonesia is a complex challenge and requires a comprehensive approach. Cooperation is needed between various parties, both at the national and international levels, as well as increased capacity in immigration management to overcome this problem effectively.

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