**Progress on Thailand's efforts in Ambon and Benjina cases including
latest development on prosecution efforts in Rohingya cases in Thailand**
Protect the victims, Punish the traffickers

The Thai authorities helped bring back Thai workers home. (Photos by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand)

Ambon and Benjina cases

- The Thai Government has continued to assist and bring Thai workers home. As of May 26, 2015, 657 Thai workers are able to return to Thailand.
- Victim identification process has been undertaken in accordance with international standard, regardless of whether workers are brought back by the Thai Government or by their companies.
- In case where workers are not identified as victims of human trafficking, the authorities will use other relevant laws, such as criminal law and labor protection law, to punish the culprits and provide assistance to workers.
- For non-Thai workers, the Thai Embassy in Jakarta coordinates with embassies of concerned countries in Jakarta on nationality verification and provision of assistance to the workers. Representatives from the Royal Thai Police in Thailand's neighboring countries also cooperate with police officers in those countries to assist non-Thai workers. As of now, Myanmar police have traveled to the area to help Myanmar workers with repatriation.
- In June 2015, the Department of Special Investigation and other Thai authorities concerned will host a Workshop with their counterparts from Myanmar and Indonesia on human trafficking and labor exploitation cases in Ambon, Benjina and nearby islands. The Workshop to be held in Thailand will be partly funded by the Australia-Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons (AAPTIP).

Rohingya cases in Thailand

- Unwavering prosecution efforts by the Royal Thai police continue. As of May 23, 2015, 71 arrest warrants were issued and 34 persons were arrested, 7 of whom are local politicians, 3 administrative officers, 4 police officers and 20 civilians.

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