

## **ABSTRACT**

Cooperation between Indonesia-Malaysia had already happened since Soekarno administration. Indonesia and Malaysia, which have similarity such as majority of Muslim society and Malay race, make them as neighbors who need each other. Indeed, the cooperation does not away from conflict such as conflict of border, ownership and also labor. But, the conflict cannot remove the good relation between those countries. They can maintain good relation through soft and peace diplomacy in solving the conflict.

The high number of unemployment and small number of job oportunities together along with low education become big problem of Indonesian job seekers. The cooperation with Malaysia in term of labor becomes one of solution as the way out from unemployment in Indonesia. Malaysia has job field in several sector, which is really needed labor, such as mill, oil palm plantation and household, in some reason Malaysia prefer to choose Indonesian labor. The high demand of Malaysia toward Indonesian labor make benefit for both countring. However, as time goes by, the problem such as torture, rape, persecution and violation of the labor emerge triggering tension between two countries. This problem becomes headlines in mass media and cause demonstration in Indonesia, which criticize Malaysia's attitude and ask Indonesian government to become more severe toward Malaysia. The other factor, which triggers the problem of labor, is several agencies that violate the rules in delivering Indonesian labor to Malaysia.

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