

Report

Dr. Musa Al-Darir's and Dr. Moustafa El-Abdallah's scientific mission to Indonesia and Thailand

During the period 6/3/1996 29/3/1996

Leaving Damascus at 15 o'clock towards Jakarta Indonesia on Wednesday 6/3/1996, after an arduous journey we arrived in Jakarta on Thursday 7/3/1996 at 13.30.

Mission of Indonesia:

Friday 8/3/1996:

The next morning, we followed up on a course organized by the Coordinating Council of the National Entrepreneurship Program and supervised by the National Training Program in Indonesia, and after being briefed on the program of the course and the topics raised, we decided to contact the Regional Director to inquire about the nature of this course and its compatibility with the mission of the delegation sent to them with a specific form earlier.

Saturday 9/3/1996 and Sunday 10/3/1996 weekend.

Monday, 11/3/1996, at 9 a.m.:

Interview with Mr. Ali Tuneer, Regional Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Indonesia in the presence of Mr. Peter Hagul, and through the discussion it was agreed with them to prepare a program that is in line with the delegation's scientific mission and provides access to scientific centers specialized in population and development both within the framework of the University and in Indonesia and Thailand as described in the attached program and which has been fully implemented.

Monday 11/3/1996, 10 a.m.:

The visit of the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) in Jakarta was the meeting with the head of the Department of Social Statistics in the office, who gave the delegation a detailed explanation of the work of the office and the department he heads, explaining that the department is concerned with social statistics, especially with regard to health, education and standard of living along with population statistics, and that it prepares a report on the population every ten years, the last of which was a report issued in 1995.

The Central Bureau of Statistics cooperates in the preparation and analysis of these data with specialized scientific bodies, such as the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Population and other relevant ministries. According to the head of the Social Statistics Department at the Office, specialized bodies and centers are usually invited to discuss any important problem related to population and development, especially those working within the framework of universities to study, analyze and express an opinion on it.

Monday 11/3/1996 at 14:

A meeting at the University of Indonesia with the Director and staff of the Demographic Institute, Dr. N. Heidi A. Pasay, who gave a detailed explanation of the Center's activities, interests and future plan, where he stressed that the Center carries out the following most important activities:

- Preparing and issuing many books and bulletins about the population
- Organizing seminars and workshops on the population, in cooperation with a number of agencies and ministries to complete this work.
- The funders are the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) along with the government.

- The center has a specialized device that takes care of all population issues in Indonesia and seeks to spread the voice that speaks about the population to be heard throughout the country.

Tuesday, 12/3/1996, 9 a.m.:

A visit to the Center for Population and Man Power Studies in Jakarta, the meeting was with Dr. Yulfitra Raharjo, Director of the Center, who explained the mechanism of work of the Center and its activities, and through the preparation of research and studies on the national manpower and submit them to the concerned authorities, the Center is linked to the President of the State directly, and consists of two sections:

- 1 department that cares about the population.
- 2 departments concerned with the workforce.

The Center has specialized cadres in various specialties and the researcher chooses the research he wishes to accomplish and in this aspect the Director of the Center explained the nature of the work of the Center and said:

"We only care about the numbers and analyze them but we do field research also we go to people where they are and ask them about their problems and try to put suggestions to solve these problems, we don't have doctors but we care about the health problems of the population and our center employs about 75 people and one of the most important activities of the center is holding conferences, research files and workshops and this year we have a workshop looking at the sources of the workforce, and the center has relations with some similar centers in other countries such as Malaysia, Australia Nepal ... and so on."

Wednesday 13/3/1996, 10 o'clock:

At the invitation of the delegation, the delegation attended the ceremony held by the Ministry of Population under the auspices of President Suharto on the occasion of the success of

the family planning program in Indonesia and the attendance included representatives from different countries as well as representatives from all over Indonesia, and in the speech delivered by the Minister of Population during the ceremony he pointed out the presence of two professors from Damascus University, visiting Indonesia to learn about Indonesia's experience in the field of population and the work of population centers.

After the celebration was finished, we were invited to an official lunch in the presence of the President of the Republic Suharto, who asked the Indonesian Minister of Population Leeto welcome the Syrian delegation personally, so he met us at the lunch table and wished us a useful stay in Indonesia.

Thursday 14/3/1996, leave Jakarta at 9 am to get to the eleventh city of Juke Jakarta.

Thursday 14/3/1996 at 12 o'clock:

A visit to the Population Studies Center at the University of Gadjahmade, we were not able to meet the Director of the Center, Mr. Dr. Agus Dwiyanto, because he was not in the Center, and we met there Mr. Sukamdi, Assistant Director of the Center and a number of research professors at the Center, and the meeting was held in the Office of the Director of the Center, where Mr. Sukamdi, Assistant Director of the Center, gave us a brief overview of the Center's activity and mechanism of work, and explained that the tasks of the Center are centered on About the following points:

- 1 Preparation of scientific research
- 2 Training
- 3 Publication and issuance of research

No atmosphere for students in the center but the staff of the center teach the population course in many colleges, at first when the center was founded it was funded by (UNFPA) and then later

turned into self-financing, and the center was interested when it was founded on the subject of family planning and later turned to interest in population studies, after that we toured the center and were briefed on the library, computer facilities and offices of researchers.

Friday 15/3/1996, 9 a.m.:

A visit to the Faculty of Geography at the University of Kagamada, we met with Dr. Sutikho, Dean of the Faculty and a number of professors, where he gave us a detailed explanation of the departments in the College, pointing out the existence of the Department of Human Geography, Economic Geography and Geopolitics, and the College is affiliated with a number of institutes concerned with internal migration, distributes the economic facility and factories, and cooperates with the College a number of other colleges with different specialties to discuss and teach the subject of population.

Delivered a lecture attended by master's students Division of Human Geography and a number of professors in the college and the number of students was about (25) students, and during the lecture the geographical, economic and demographic location in Syria was clarified with attention to population policy, growth rates, the status of women, education and health in Syria, and the lecture had a good impact on the hearts of professors and students followed by a discussion and questions from students, we answered them.

Fri 15/03/1996, 1 p.m.:

A second visit to the Centre for Population Studies at Kagamada University and an interview with the Director of the Center, Dr. Agus Dwiyanto, who explained that he was attending a four-day meeting in Bangkok attended by a number of international organizations that are interested in and helping to organize and implement population programs.

In the area of discussion on the possibility of cooperation and exchange of experiences, we explained to the Director of the Center that there are some common topics on which we can cooperate in conducting research on them, for example the migration of Indonesian labor to Arab countries, especially oil, and other common topics.

Saturday 16/3/1996, weekend.

Sunday, 17/3/1996, leaving the city of Juke Jakarta for the city of Jakarta and from the city of Jakarta, continue to travel to the city of Padang and arrive at 1 pm.

Monday, 18/3/1996, 9 a.m.:

A visit to Andalas University in Padang, Faculty of Economics where we met with the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Syakru ddin Ma, where he gave us a brief overview of the Faculty of Economics at Andalas University and consists of three departments:

- 1 Department of Accounting (modern department)
- 2 Department of Economics
- 3 Department of Management

The Faculty of Economics is affiliated with the Center for Population Studies and then we toured the Faculty of Economics after which we met with the students of the fourth year and in the presence of a number of professors a lecture was given on the development of the population in Syria and the socio-economic situation, and after the lecture there was a discussion on this topic.

Monday 18/3/1996, at 1:

A visit to the Center for Population Studies in the presence of Mr. Sakhruddin, Director of the Center and a number of the Center's staff, and the Director of the Center gave us a glimpse of the most important activities of the Center, especially the subject of training and the subject of research on population,

after which we toured the library, computer facilities and training halls in the Center.

Then we met with one of the courses organized by the Center and gave them a brief overview of the population in Syria and the economic and social situation, especially the status of the mirror in Syria, and we also discussed with the Director of the Center, CD Sakhruddin, the possibility of cooperation between our centers and conducting research and studies on topics of interest to the countries Syria and Indonesia or of interest to Arab countries and Indonesia, such as the migration of Indonesian labor to Arab countries.

Tuesday, 19/3/1996, at 8 a.m., leaving the city of Padang and arriving in the Bang at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, 19/3/1996, at 11 p.m.:

A visit to Sriwijaya University Population Research Center and we met at the center with Dr. Nazlyhhani, Director of the Center, and Dr. Zul Fikcer Romawi, Assistant Director of the Center, and the Director of the Center, Dr. Nazli Hanim, Director of the Center, Dr. Nazlyhhani, Director of the Center, and Dr. Zul Fikcer Romawi, Assistant Director of the Center, and a promise of cadres, where the Director of the Center gave an explanation of the Center, its interests and activities, as it works in the Center (17) Researcher (5) Research Assistant Decisions regarding the affairs of the Center are made by the administration and the administration of the university to which it is associated is informed With these decisions, Dr. Nazli explained that the most important factor in the decline in fertility rate is education, especially the education of the woman. After that, we toured all parts of the center, especially the library, computer facilities, research offices and training halls in the center.

Tuesday 19/3/1996, 2 p.m.:

Meeting at the Population Research Center with the staff of the Center and a number of cadres of the following centers at Sirewijaya University:

- (1) Center for Humanities Studies
- (2) Center for Population Policy
- (3) Center for Social Studies

After giving the audience an overview of the economic and social situation in Syria, the discussion on the situation of the Syrian mirror, education and health in Syria lasted until four o'clock in the afternoon, and the meeting was attended and moderated by Dr. Nazli Hanim, Director of the Center.

Wednesday, 20/03/1996:

We toured the neighborhoods of the popular informal housing in the city of Palmbang and were accompanied on this tour by Mrs. Nazli Hanim and Mr. Dr. Zulfiqar who accompanied us to Balbadang airport with the intention of returning to Jakarta, but the delay of the plane for about four hours made us return to the city again by our own means.

Thursday 21/3/1996, departure of Jakarta for Bangkok.

Second: Thailand's Mission:

Friday, 22/3/1996, 9 a.m.

Visit to Ghulalon gkorn University in Bangkok Population Studies Center We met Dr. Kuawang boonsin, Director of the Center, and spoke to us about population policies in Thailand, which went through two stages:

A Phase of Encouraging Population Increase

Sectionsfor Phase of reducing population growth

The Director of the Center explained that Thailand has developed a number of plans, the most important of which were the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh plans, and the objectives of each plan varied according to the stage and circumstances:

1 The goal of the Third Plan [1972-1976] was to take care of motherhood, childhood and family planning.

2 The fourth plan [1977-1981] was concerned with the subject of motherhood, childhood and social development.

3 The Fifth Plan [1982-1986] was a follow-up to the concerns of the Seventh Plan, in particular the subject of human development and social development.

4 Sixth Plan [1978-1991] Attention to human and social development

5 The Seventh Plan [1992-1996] was characterized by cooperation between the various ministries and departments concerned with the subject of family planning such as health, media, environment and education to implement the Family Planning Program (F.P.), and explained that the population in Thailand currently reaches about (58) million people, of whom 67% are aged from 15 to 60 years.

Friday 22/3/1996, 1 p.m.:

A visit to the headquarters of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and a meeting with the National Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Thailand Bangkok, Mr. Bol Gopal and Ms. Superpn, to follow up on the program of the visit to Thailand and complete the booking and visa transactions to Indonesia.

Saturday 23/3/1996 Weekend

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Monday, 25/3/1996, at 9 a.m.:

A second visit to the Center for Population Studies at the University of Guallong, and the interview of Ms. Vipanchuabmoh Ruffaro, Assistant Director of the Center, gave a detailed explanation of the structure of the Center, its relationship with the University and its association with the various bodies according to the following:

She explained that the center cooperates with many national organizations such as the Women's Union, governmental organizations and others and then talked about the immigration of Thai people abroad, and the number of immigrants outside Thailand reaches about 500,000 people, and pointed out that the wages of labor here in Thailand are low and the center also has relations with a number of global organizations that care about the population such as the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, United Nations organizations and organizations in Australia and others, and in cooperation with these organizations is conducting research. Common about the population and the workforce, the center is interested in research, training, workshops and research seminars.

After that, we toured the center and looked at the library and computer facilities available at the center and found that the center is connected to the Internet.

Monday, 25/3/1996, 12 o'clock:

A visit to Mahidol University (Institute For Population and Social Research) near Bangkok, where we met with Dr. Wathinee Boohchalaksi, Assistant Director of the Center, who gave us a detailed explanation of the establishment of the Center and its activities, where the center is estimated to be about 25 years old and the center's research focuses on six to seven problems, especially the problem of migration from the countryside to the city, and we try to exchange views with centers and institutions similar in Indochina countries after that we toured the center and viewed the library, computer facilities in the center, training halls and offices of researchers.

Tuesday 26/3/1996 Departure from Bangkok to Jakarta.

Wednesday 27/3/1996, eleven o'clock:

Meet Mr. Ali Tonger in his office and discuss the implementation of the program we have done and Mr. Tonger was pleased that we have implemented the program to the fullest.

Thursday 28/3/1996, leaving Jakarta for Damascus at 14 o'clock arriving in Bahrain at 0.30 am and departing at 12 o'clock.

Observations:

- The absence of a UNFPA representative in the host country, and the mere dispatch of a driver, is uncomfortable and does not serve the required purpose.
- There are no specific instructions for organizing such visits by UNFPA in New York, and we have seen this through the difference in the dealings between the Indonesia office and the Thailand office.
- The reception of the directors of the centers in terms of interest in the visit was uneven as some of them cared well and others were interested in a little.
- On long flights such as in our flight that took (24) hours of flight and waiting at airports it is useful to take into account in the future a day of rest at one of the stations
- The response of the Regional Director of Indonesia, Mr. Ali Tunjar, and his staff to the visit was very good.

Propositions:

- Work to overcome the above observations by issuing specific instructions outlining the method of cooperation and assistance required from the Fund's offices in different countries.
- Repeat such visits to the directors of different centers because of their importance in exchanging experiences and benefiting from other experiences.

- Identify specialized topics in the subject of population and development that are researched annually by certain population centers.
- Holding an annual conference for managers and coordinators of projects concerned with population and development issues under the supervision of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) through which research and experiences prepared by the Center will be studied and discussed.
- Prepare a directory of centers that deal with population and development issues in various countries of the world, and this guide can be printed and distributed by UNFPA.

Return to Damascus on Friday, 29/3/1996, at 14 p.m.

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