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Discussing fate of illegals

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Officials from Wisma Putra and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will meet next week to discuss the fate of the 22 Indonesian illegal immigrants who broke into the compounds of the UNHCR and the US embassy.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said so far the situation remained unchanged.

"I won't be able to give any further information until after the meeting takes place," he said after meeting Asean secretary-general Rodolfo C. Severino Jr at Wisma Putra today.

Severino is on his first official visit here as Asean secretary-general. He will call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

Thirty-five Indonesians broke into the US, Swiss and French embassy compounds and a Brunei government building on March 30 seeking political asylum.

Except for those at the US embassy, the others have been rounded up.

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