

# 'Indonesia' graffiti on Mt. Fuji sparks protests

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Graffiti marked on a big boulder in Mount Fuji is generating complaints and even prompting a response in the local media with the publication of an article Thursday in the Shizuoka Shimbun newspaper entitled "Holy Mountain Attacked."

UNESCO has designated this 3,776 meter tall volcano as a world heritage site. Now, capitalized and orange-colored graffiti can be found in three places on the Fujinomiya trail, which stands 3,500 meters above sea level [tribunnews.com](http://tribunnews.com) reported on Thursday.

After being found on the mountain's 9th trail and 5th Shaku, the graffiti will be removed on August 8th by the Fuji province's department of culture.

The graffiti, which reads "INDONESIA" and is accompanied by white arrows pointing the way up, is written on a giant boulder with letters that are 80 centimeters long. There are approximately two meters between each of the three graffiti locations.

Mount Fuji has never had a graffiti problem in the past. In the recent article, the newspaper writes, "This attack on Mount Fuji's sanctity, which is a world heritage and an object of faith, causes unfortunate discomfort for climbers."

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**aaronbeng**

Aug 11, 2014

This is the indirect effect of Abenomics. He really wanted to print as much money as possible to lower yen so that he could gain foreign investments... The result was so many Indonesians can now enter the once considered a very expensive Japan. If Japan wants to stop many foreigners from coming, they should stop the money printing and make yen expensive again.



**aaronbeng**

Aug 11, 2014

And seriously Indonesia should formally apologize to Japan. Be a gentleman and admit your mistake.

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**SiangMalam**

Aug 11, 2014

Has anyone of you been up Mt Fuji... there is security and one need to register before you trekked up... so I am sure the security who spotted this graffiti would even know which batch of visitors and during which time frame... these security guards are efficient - I have been there...

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**Rustynails**

Aug 10, 2014

Potentially these would be the same unthinking clones demanding "Respect" during Ramadan I suppose?

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**gatotsantosowibowo**

Aug 11, 2014

Not agree Pak rusty.

More than 27.000 Indonesian work in Japan, mostly young people and coming from district in Java or other province, they earn roughly around 25 million rupiah per month, at the end of their 3 years contract they will bring home average around 500 million rupiah. Most of them become fluent in speaking Japanese. They went to Japan because economic motivation. Once they get there very likely they will become stable economically. When they go home to their province they will not just bring money but they will get "respect" from their neighbourhood. They will become happier and proud person, for them "tai kucing rasa coklat" even cat shit taste like chocolate. In religious aspect, they know while they're in Japan they can not go for Friday prayer for Moslem because no mosque, and most probably they can't perform 5x prayer a day required for Moslem. So, very few conservative Moslem work in Japan, if any may be moderate Moslem. The profile of Indonesian working in Japan doesn't match with the profile of conservative who demand respect during Ramadhan,

In my school day I climb Mount Semeru, Raung, Salak, Ijen, etc. And everytime I reach the top I wrote on a tree/stone "gatot was here", I knew that's wrong but I never thought that the scale would be grossly wrong. The guy who wrote "Indonesia in Mt. Fuji" probably my kind. Average Wong Cilik from Indonesia province/district, I only hope by living in Japan he will get enlightenment, and start to erase the stamp "stupid" in our forehead.

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**Deedee S**

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I regret to say I scratched my name in a rock on top of Gunung Merapi when I climbed up. Long time ago, in my youth.

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**Silver\_Bright**

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Most of the people commented is Indonesian and they refuse to acknowledge it, such admirable solidarity...

I wonder if it's proven to be true and the culprit is banned from climbing, will they be willingly to share the luxury or will they pretend to be blind to it and still climbing with no feelings of guilt?

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The graffiti reads rudai (ルダイ) or idaru from right to left. I am not sure how it can spell Indonesia.

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**guerindo**

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Difficult to believe this would have involved Indonesians as there's no mention of half a ton of rubbish being left behind

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**Jan Karl**

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So true

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**saveav**

Aug 8, 2014

Before we accuse if it is really an Indonesian did this. Can you be sure first if it really Indonesian

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**hiten**

Aug 8, 2014

If you saw the original article on tribunnews.com, you can see the photo of the graffiti. The text says "CLA X". That is a term used by ABG which refer to Klaten. Same like how some ABG call Jakarta = J - Town.

I don't think foreigner would know about those things, so it's most likely that the perpetrator is Indonesian. But again I'm not 100% sure.

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a guy from CLATEN come to Japan? Maybe they can afford. But, I never seen an Indonesian telling me a story of going mountain-climbing or picnic "just" n japan... so maybe, standard life of Indonesian has been quadrupled just in amount of weeks now.

Waiting my city to send its mountain-climber to write things like SBY (for Surabaya).

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**Rustynails**

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Plenty of Indonesians in Japan last time I was there.

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**Chotto Matte**

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Outrageous!!! Shame on you Indonesia!!!

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**madokaichi**

Aug 8, 2014

Sure it is an attack into the most Holiest place in Japan. I condemn it. I wonder if the Japanese government will ban Indonesian to climb Mt. Fuji anymore

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**mariorustan**

Aug 8, 2014

OK, I'm yet to find another news in English confirming this report, but let's assume it's true. I wouldn't be surprised. There are plenty of Indonesians who have experienced life in Japan for some times, and back in Indonesia they cannot stop raving about how Japan should be a role model for Indonesia, yet they fail to appreciate Japanese religions and spirituality.

Mount Fuji is indeed a holy place for Shintoism and to show your 'nationalism' there (I think that's the motive) is like if a Japanese painted the wall of a grand mosque, a cathedral, a pura, or the Borobudur with "JAPAN". No excuse.

Reminds me when I had to be angry with some "anime and J-pop fans" who made sick jokes about the 2011 Tohoku/Fukushima disasters.

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It only shows how civilized indonesian is

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it is only show how easy you are to be provoked :)

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**MansJunior**

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who the hell had gone to that place just to made some graffiti?... and that people are very stupid to even wrote our country's name on there!... memalukan!!!!...

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SiangMalam

Aug 8, 2014

Apologize? Presiden SBY has to publicly bow in front of the media to say how stupid his countryman was and then they will hand him a small knife and a white twel (to be used as his headband, not to wipe blood) and point to another room and say "Go commit hara-kiri Mr President Susilo-san....)

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Jan Karl

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Presiden SBY committing hara-kiri? No objection, but only after he has been tried for crimes against humanity, corruption, and neglect of his pledges and of his people.

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