

Jonan Meets with Former Energy Ministers; Discusses Freeport

The Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Ignatius Jonan met with several of his predecessors today, March 8, in Jakarta to discuss the continuation of Freeport Indonesia's business.

- The former Energy Ministers who came were Subroto, who served from 1978-1988, Kuntoro Mangkusubroto (1998), Purnomo Yusgiantoro (2004-2009), Darwin Saleh (2009-2011), and Chairul Tanjung (2014).

- Former United States Ambassador to Indonesia Robert O. Blake was also seen in the building.

- Chairul Tanjung was the first to come out of the building. He said he came to share his experiences with Jonan and his deputy Arcandra Tahar.

"As former ministers, I was involved with Freeport and Newmont. Of course, I have to share my experiences," he said.

- Chairul said he did not provide feedback or suggestions to the Ministry of Energy. He only hopes that the best solution for the public will be decided.

- About Freeport's plan to take the Indonesian government to the international arbitration, Chairul said he did not want to be "involved in judgment."

- The Energy Ministry continues to find solutions to the impacts of Freeport Indonesia's ceased operations, including the laying off of workers. Today, the ministry is also scheduled to receive 21 people who are affected by Freeport's stopped operations.