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UNHCR CALLS FOR INDONESIA TO LET IN ROHINGYA STRANDED AT SEA OFF ACEH

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The United Nations' refugee agency called on Indonesia to let in about 150 Rohingya refugees stranded off Aceh province for almost a week, as local media reported police had arrested three people on charges of human trafficking. Two people on the boat had died and another 11, including a pregnant woman, had been evacuated to the local hospital, Muhammad Jabal, the head of fishing community at Labuhan Haji port in South Aceh, told Reuters on Wednesday.

Fishermen found the boat last Thursday, and the children on board had asked for food and water after weeks at sea, he said.

"We brought them bread and water, their condition was so worrying," Jabal said.

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