

Indonesian Independence and Boycotting Dutch Vessels

Four Volunteers for Dutch Hospital Ship Kidnapped

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Four of 22 Lascar seamen who volunteered to join the Dutch hospital ship *Tasman* due to sail today were kidnapped from India House, Pyrmont, early this morning.

Lascars Back at India House

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Four Lascar seamen, whose mysterious disappearance before dawn yesterday from India House, Harris-street, Pyrmont, led to the suggestion that they had been kidnapped, returned to their lodgings early this morning, equally mysteriously.

Speaking through an interpreter, one of the seamen alleged they had been kidnapped, taken under guard to Lido House, North Sydney, and kept there until shortly before midnight last night.

The police version is that the seamen left Pyrmont of their own free will to discuss with their countrymen at the Lido whether they should man the Dutch hospital ship *Tasman*. They have not been able to ascertain whether they were detained at the Lido against their will.