



At rest: There were many breaks in shooting.

On set in Ambarawa



On set: The film is set in 1920s Padang and extras wore period clothing.



All aboard: Filming occurred at the Ambarawa Train Museum in order to take advantage of the vintage steam train.



All eyes: The cast and crew watches scenes onscreen.

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Di Bawah Lindungan Ka'bah (under protection of the Kaaba) is a film set in 1920s Padang set to be released on Aug. 16.

The story follows Hamid and Zainab, who are from different social stratum but fall in love and are united by their dream of making the pilgrimage to Mecca. *Di Bawah Lindungan Ka'bah* stars Herjunot Ali and Laudya Cynthia Bella.

On-location shooting took place at the Ambarawa Train Museum in Central Java from April 30 to May 6. Although much of the shooting for the film was in Padang, director Hanny R. Saputra had to look elsewhere for a steam train to shoot important scenes.

The progress of shooting while the train was moving took many takes over a number of days, with hundreds of extras involved. Shooting came to halt a few times due to rain.

The photos here were taken by one extra playing the role of a Dutch noblewoman, and who was given free rein to photograph behind the scenes during lulls in shooting.

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Colonial era: Some extras were cast as Dutch noblepersons.



Setting the scene: *Di Bawah Lindungan Ka'bah* was filmed in multiple locations in Indonesia.



Lights, camera, action: Many of the extras in the film worked at the train museum as vendors, and became vendors in the movie.