Villagers and Activists at the Halman Mul (Grandmother Water) cafe, a small street cart which provides food and drinks daily.

Citizens' 10 Feet Film Screening
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