

Java Sugar Mill Blog Part 2
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Wringinanom Mill - Situbondo

It rained in the night and today started off clear, sunny and humid with nice lighting conditions to see the empty trains go out. Everything was a bit stuffed up when we arrived with empty and full trains sitting around in conflict. Eventually after a fitter came out, big No. 5 was started and everything got sorted. Only two trains of empties went out before I quit at 10 am and by then the lighting was worse and a wind had got up.

I hadn't planned to start a new blog quite so soon but the following photos give a flavour of the back of the mill yard on a nice Friday morning with empty trains going out. Friday may be significant being the Muslim day of prayer.



No. 6 waiting to run round its train of empties. Its way is blocked by 2 loaded trains.



The track crew waiting to go out attached to the rear of a train of empties with two sets of points and some sleepers loaded on a flat wagon.



The second full train moving towards the weighbridge.



This view is included to show the mountain backdrop looking south west. Those are arid limestone hills attractive from a distance but not fun to climb and I'm not sure the locals have any use for them apart perhaps for hunting and as a source of water for the coastal plane.



Eventually No. 3 set off on a train of empty lori with the track gang on the back heading for either the south line or the north west line.



The mountain overlooking the beach resort of Pasir Putih with a communications tower for good luck but no wires provides the backdrop here.



The track crew on the back of the train. We haven't established where the points are destined for but suspect mainline track rather than a temporary track into a field.



Both trains set off in convoy.

Yesterday's shot of bad track elicited a comment. Here is today's offering on the line to the north.



Up close that first kink wasn't quite as bad as it appears in this telephoto shot!