

Malaysian Pressure on Burma Needs to be Replicated by Others

Salam,

Last week the Malaysian government spoke out clearly and forcefully for Rohingya rights in Burma. Prime Minister Najib Razak participated in mass demonstrations demanding an end of the Rohingya genocide. Malaysia summoned Myanmar's ambassador last week over the harsh recent crackdown on Rohingya and even canceled the national soccer team's friendly under-22 matches with Myanmar in protest.

In response to Burma's foreign ministry complaints of interference in sovereign affairs, their Malaysian counterparts asserted that the large scale Rohingya displacement posed a threat to Malaysia's own security, and that ethnic cleansing of a Muslim minority was not acceptable.

This response is very welcome news. Malaysia has shown other nations what must be done. To change the political will in Burma will require more of the same.

Therefore, Burma Task Force asks for the following actions:

1. Warmly thank the government of Malaysia and ask them to continue:

The Honourable Dato' Sri Anifah Hj. Aman, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: No 1 Jalan Wisma Putra, Federal Government Administrative Center, 62602 Putrajaya, Malaysia at webmaster@kln.gov.my

Please also cc: mwwashington@kln.gov.my and cc Raja Reza reza@kln.gov.my or 212 986 6310 x 215

Points to include:

- Thank the government of Malaysia and ask them to continue their leadership on this issue.
- Impunity means that crimes will continue. The Burmese government's failure to investigate these crimes only allows anti Muslim sentiment in Burma to increase. Following up on Prime Minister Zahid's suggestions, Malaysia should introduce this issue to the International Criminal Court.
- Rohingya have been a peaceful group, but their miserable condition will not encourage positive engagement in multicultural society. [Malaysia should fund and support](#) civil society projects that support interfaith and intercultural solidarity in Burma.
- Malaysia is currently chairing the UN Security Council as a rotating member without veto power. Malaysia should quickly bring this issue up energetically during the Council sessions and actively promote a Commission on Inquiry to force Burma to be accountable.

2. CC Vijay Nambiar, Envoy and Special Advisor for Myanmar serving the offices of Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki Moon

His email is nambiarv@un.org.

Salutation: Special Advisor

You may also wish to engage with Secretary General spokesman on twitter [@UN_Spokesperson](https://twitter.com/UN_Spokesperson)

3. CC the above to OIC Representative Hamid Albar, Former Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia and Special Envoy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for Myanmar, at: syedhamid.albar@spad.gov.my and syedhamid.albar@yahoo.com

4. Write to the government of Indonesia to follow the example of Malaysia in the full spirit of Muslim solidarity:

H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
325 East 38th Street, New York, NY, 10016, USA

ptri@indonesiamission-ny.org

cc: Minister Counsellor Masni Eriza at masni_eriza@kemlu.go.id

5. Please also CC or Write ASEAN Secretariat

Public comments: public@asean.org

You may also wish to cc the US Mission to ASEAN at usasean@state.gov

6. Thank the following Malaysian Embassies for the stance that the Malaysian government has taken:

Malaysian Embassy in the United States

Phone: (202) 572-9700.

Email: mwwashington@kln.gov.my

Malaysian Embassy in Canada

Phone: +1 613-241-5182

Email: mwottawa@kln.gov.my

Malaysian Embassy in UK

Telephone: +4420 7235 8033 (General)

Email: mwlondon@kln.gov.my

Malaysian Embassy in Australia

Tel: (02) 6120 0300/310

Email: malcanberra@malaysia.org.au

Malaysian Embassy in Indonesia Telephone: (6221)5224947 - Canseri (Hunting - 8 Lines)

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