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Mahathir - Bosnia 3 Alor Setar

+As it is, we have no diplomatic relations with Bosnia-Herzegovina even though it is a republic on its own... so how do we conduct our relationship?

+It would be more difficult if we have to go through another country to play a role in helping Bosnian Muslims and end the 'civil war there,+ he told reporters after attending the opening of the 38th PAS general assembly.

His statement runs counter to the stand taken by other opposition parties like PAS and DAP which supported Malaysia's decision to close the mission.

Tengku Razaleigh said Malaysia could have coordinated actions with voluntary organisations and other interested countries to help bring relief to Bosnian Muslims through the embassy.

Tengku Razaleigh, who heads the opposition coalition +Gagasan Rakyat+, said he supported the Federal Government's action to urge the UN Security Council to convene an emergency session to discuss the atrocities committed against the Bosnians. -- more

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He said the big powers should act before things get worse in the former Yugoslav republic.

+Apparently from what I'm told, the situation in Bosnia... the genocide happening there is worse than in Russia under Stalin, worse than Germany under Hitler... you cannot allow things to go on,+ he said.

Tengku Razaleigh Said it was a pity that Islamic nations were finding it difficult to come to the rescue of Bosnia as they did not have powerful military power among them while members of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) were divided. -- Bernama