

Please don't send Misuari back, pleads wife

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KLJALA LUMPUR, Wed: The family of former Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao governor Nur Misuari wants Malaysia to reconsider its decision to send him back.

His wife, Tarhata Ibrahim Misuari, 27, said she

feared for his life if he was sent home.

Tarhata, who is Misuari's third wife, arrived with their three children, Nur Rchda. six, Khalid. four, and Nur Hata, yesterday.

Speaking through Misuari's lawyer, Elly Velez Lau Pamatong, she said that if her husband is allowed to proceed to a third country there will be

no objections in Malaysia.

She also called on the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to convene an emergency meeting to determine his fate.

"The 57 members of OIC should determine his fate, and not only Malaysia and Indonesia," she said.

She also said a request was made to the Prime Minister's Department to

allow United Nations officials to visit Misuari.

Misuari and six followers were arrested on Pulau Jampiras, off Sandakan, on Nov 24 for entering Malaysia illegally.

In Putrajaya, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the government will allow Misuari's family to visit him in detention.