

Razali: Suu Kyi should travel to Asean nations

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KUALA LUMPUR: It would make sense for Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi to travel to other Asean nations and see both their "strong and negative" points if she is to have any role in her own country.

"She should look around and see what are our strong points in Asean, how much we have progressed and what our problems and negative points are," said United Nations special envoy to Myanmar and special adviser to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Razali Ismail.

"But any decision on this will have to be made by her and the Myanmar government.

"We are not demanding that she comes out," he told reporters after launching the book, *Rights, Religions and Reforms* by Dr Chandra Muzaffar, president of the International Movement for a Just World, at the Royal Selangor Club here yesterday.

On whether the National League for Democracy leader, who was released from house arrest by the Myanmar military junta in May, would be welcomed by the Asean countries should she embark on such a tour, Razali said some ambassadors had met with her.

"This gives us an indication," he said.

Asked if a proposed meeting between her and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been blocked by the military junta, Kazali said he could not comment on the matter as he was not involved in planning the Prime Minister's recent two-day official visit to the country.

About his next trip to Myanmar, Razali said it was too early to say.

Suu Kyi was freed from 19 months of house arrest by the military junta on May 6 in a constructive engagement process undertaken by Razali.

Since her release, the junta had also freed a number of other opposition members.