

Perhaps DPM can try 'golf diplomacy' with Myanmar

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YOURSAY 'Najib must Asean to apply pressure on Myanmar. But what has he done?'

DPM: Myanmar shouldn't saddle us with Rohingyas

Prudent: It's an internal problem badly handled by Myanmar and as a result became an international problem. This is aggravated by the human slave traffickers taking advantage of a chance for quick and big profits.

But the root cause is the persecution of the Rohingyas by Myanmar and to a certain extent, economic mismanagement by Bangladesh.

Malaysia and Asean should first bust the human traffickers who have been reaping profits for a long time and, as indicated by the Thai police investigation, helped along by corrupt policemen.

Then the present refugees should be cared for in refugee camps until repatriation and/or transfer to third countries. Those with needed skills can even be absorbed locally.

Towing them back to sea is not on as it is against international law banning refoulement (the forcible return of refugees or asylum seekers).

Asean should then engage Myanmar and Bangladesh to deal with the root causes and work towards a long term resolution.

APA INI?: They are not welcome, yes, but they are human beings. Sending them back to sea is an act of inhumanity. Negotiate with Myanmar for their safe return. Meanwhile Malaysia can feed and shelter them with Asean and UNHCR co-operation and not treat them like stray animals that we chase away with a bone.

Lim Chong Leong: Myanmar should deal with the Rohingya community internally instead of forcing it on its Asean neighbours, said Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

Does he not know that the Rohingyas are running away from something back home like ethnic cleansing? If it could be so easily resolved internally, they would not have risked lives and limbs to escape.

Tailek: Maybe golf diplomacy with Myanmar's ruling generals can solve this problem. No need to send the foreign minister, send the DPM.

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