

'Send troops to Myanmar, like we did to Bosnia'

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Malaysia should send peacekeeping troops in Myanmar to safeguard the Muslim Rohingya community from further violence in the largely Buddhist state, PAS Youth deputy chief Muhammd Khalil Abdul Hadi said.

Khalil said the ethnic Rohingya are facing the same atrocities like the Muslim community in Bosnia Herzegovina in 1992, and Malaysia should step in as it did before.

"If Malaysia could sent its troops as peacekeepers under the United Nations to Somalia, Lebanon, Bosnia and other far away countries, it should do the same for Myanmar for the sake of Muslim lives and dignity," he said in statement.

Muhammd Khalil said no one is paying attention on the persecution in Myanmar, with the western world more focused on the human trafficking in Asean instead.

"Muslim Rohingyas are in a bloodbath in Rakhine, and the Myanmar government is just standing by. To date, no international agency is speaking out against this serious crime against humanity.

"In fact, the western media keeps playing up the issue of human trafficking as a reason to pressure Muslim Asean states like Malaysia and Indonesia to take in the Rohingya refugees when other states like Thailand are let off because they purportedly have no resources," he said.

'Do more as Asean chair'

He urged the Malaysian government, as Asean chair to pressure Myanmar to act against the atrocities and to galvanise support from the rest of Asean to solve the crisis.

Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed to provide temporary shelter to the thousands Rohingya refugees now adrift in boats, after human traffickers abandoned their human cargo amid a crackdown.

The crackdown came into force after the discovery of mass graves on the Thai-Malaysian border.

Malaysian police confirm 139 graves in Perlis, on the Malaysian side of the border and have exhumed two bodies, believed to be of human trafficking victims.

While Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi expressed shock, migrant rights NGO Tenaganita said it had alerted authorities of human trafficking camps and mass graves on the border for years to no avail.

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