

## **Najib: Suu Kyi refused to meet Anifah over Rohingyas**

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Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi refused to meet Foreign Minister Anifah Aman over the Rohingya crisis, claimed Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

"Suu Kyi said, 'If you (Anifah) want to see me on bilateral issues yes, but I'm not willing to see you if you want to discuss the Rohingya issue'.

"This cannot be. What the meaning of (Asean) community of nations, behind (her) Nobel Peace Prize (if she keeps quiet)," Najib said at a solidarity rally for Rohingyas in Kuala Lumpur today.

Some 10,000 people, the majority of whom were Rohingya migrants, had gathered at Stadium Mini Titiwangsa for the rally this morning.

Sharing the stage with Najib was Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang and PAS Youth chief Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Aziz, among other Umno, PAS and NGO leaders.

The Myanmar government had previously said Najib's presence at the rally would be a violation of the non-interference article under the Asean charter.

### **Human rights at stake**

However, Najib said the Myanmar government can't only cite that article, while ignoring the Asean charter article which upholds human rights.

"Are they (Myanmar) blind? They can't just interpret the Asean charter according to their own whims," the premier said.

He then urged Indonesian president Joko Widodo to also hold a pro-Rohingya rally in Jakarta.

He also urged the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) to not "just see" but act.

He said the world must not just stand and watch until hundreds of thousands had died, citing Bosnia and Rwanda as examples.

In recent weeks, there have been increasing reports on Myanmar's military pursuing the Rohingya community in the Rakhine state which borders Bangladesh.

Myanmar does not recognise the Rohingya community, who are mostly Muslim, as citizens.

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