

**Malaysia running out of patience over rowdy Jakarta demos**  
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PUTRAJAYA - Malaysia is running out of patience with the rowdy street demonstrations in Jakarta and has warned that bilateral relations could deteriorate if the situation worsens, Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said.

"We have come to a point where it is beyond our patience," he told a press conference Wednesday.

Warning that Malaysia's patience had been tested, Anifah said: "They have their own political and domestic problems in Indonesia. But we do not want Malaysia to become the victim."

It is understood that the foreign minister had sent a protest note to his Indonesian counterpart Marty Natalegawa on Wednesday. The note said Indonesia should curb the street demonstrations immediately.

Anifah also felt that the rowdy action in throwing human faeces at the Malaysian embassy in Jakarta and the threats to shave and deport Malaysians have created negative perceptions among the people and could affect bilateral ties.

Anifah said he had also suggested that security at the Malaysian embassy be heightened to safeguard the interest of Malaysia.

"They must put some sort of blockade so that objects thrown will not reach the embassy," he said.

"I am saddened that the demonstrations still continue, not only in Jakarta, but also at our consulates in Indonesia although we have agreed to resolve the issues pertaining to the arrest of seven Malaysian fishermen and three Indonesian maritime officials," he was quoted by The Star as saying.

"In international relations, we have to give and take. This much we can give you, but beyond that we have to protect the integrity of our country" he told reporters.

Earlier, Indonesia's deputy chief of mission to Malaysia Tatang Razak told reporters that Indonesians were incensed by allegations that Malaysian authorities had stripped three Indonesian maritime officers of their uniform, handcuffed them and dressed them in detention garb.

"The issue was thought to have been resolved with the release of the trio, but some parties felt aggrieved and as a result, the protests ensued," he said.

Anifah later disputed this, saying some "unreasonable" people were looking for reasons, whether rational or irrational, to launch a protest.

"I don't think that's the real reason because they have already demonstrated well before," he said, according to The Star.

Anifah called on Malaysians to keep a cool head and not respond to the demonstrations in a similar manner.

"We don't condone what the Indonesians are doing. Two wrongs don't make a right. . . I don't think I'll encourage Malaysians from doing the same - burning flags and throwing faeces. In fact, we'll stop them from doing so," he said.

Anifah said no travel advisory had been issued telling Malaysians not to travel to Indonesia.

"We'll monitor the situation. If necessary, we will issue a travel advisory," he said.

On speculations that the seven Malaysian fishermen were held for ransom, Anifah refused to comment.

"I haven't got the details. I have heard of it; let's leave it to the police to confirm it," he said.

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