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# Suu Kyi taken to task over Rohingya

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## PM: Asean Charter also protects human rights

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak took Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi to task for allowing the atrocities and oppression against the ethnic Rohingyas to go on in the country, saying "enough is enough".

He also criticised Myanmar for selectively invoking clauses in the Asean Charter while ignoring agreements on human rights issues.

Myanmar warned that Najib's attendance at the Solidarity for Rohingyas rally could mean breaching Asean's policy on non-interference in the internal affairs of member countries.

"They warned me, but I don't care!" Najib, flanked by members of Cabinet, Umno and PAS leaders, told the gathering at the Titiwangsa

Stadium here yesterday.

"Someone tell Myanmar that the Asean Charter also protects human rights. Are they blind? They cannot just interpret whatever they like.

"What do you expect us to do? We are a community of nations. Do you expect me, a leader of over 31 million people, to close my eyes? To stay silent? I will not! We want to send a message to the government of Myanmar. We want to tell Aung San Suu Kyi 'enough is enough!' Enough is enough!" he said.

Najib also recounted his meeting with Suu Kyi following her successful election earlier this year and was turned off by her unwillingness

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to engage with Malaysia on behalf of the Rohingya minority.

"She said 'if you want to see me on bilateral issues, yes. But I'm not willing to see you if you want to discuss the Rohingya issue'," Najib said.

"How can it be like this? We must talk about everything. What's the point of a community of nations? What's the point of being a Nobel Prize laureate when you won't stand for human rights?"

"When there is injustice, cruelty, people being murdered, burned alive, raped, beaten ... are these not violating human rights?" he asked.

He said Malaysia would continue to pressure Myanmar to recognise the status of Rohingyas in the country, calling on the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and Asean to intervene in the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine.

"Please do something! The world cannot sit by and watch genocide taking place. The world cannot say 'look, it's not our problem'. Bosnia and Rwanda happened and the world watched, waited and acted

too late.

"This time we are not willing to wait and watch. We will keep using whatever channels we have and continue to put on the pressure."

Najib also urged Indonesia's President Joko Widodo to hold a peaceful assembly with the people of that country as a sign of championing the fate of the Rohingya community.

"Don't protest against Ahok (Jakarta Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama) only. The Rohingyas must be fought for; they can rally in Jakarta. We want to show we are not pleased. We must be civilised, safeguard lives and properties. This is our responsibility as part of the mandatory objectives.

"This is a must," he said.