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LEADERS LAUD NAJIB'S EFFORTS

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PM played crucial role in highlighting need for world leaders to act

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THE recent call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for the world to end the atrocities against the Rohingya has touched a chord with other

Malaysian leaders.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Dr Irmohizam Ibrahim said Najib had not only applied pressure on the Myanmar government, but also galvanised support from many foreign countries.

"Najib has the kindness and willingness to help the Rohingya people," he said.

Selangor Barisan Nasional deputy chief Datuk Mat Nadzari Ahmad Dahlan said Najib should be credited for raising the Rohingya issue with United States President Donald Trump recently.

"Being a leader from a small country, he (Najib) managed to

persuade other world leaders to take a role in resolving the problem.

"We need people and leaders worldwide to intervene as Malaysia cannot possibly overcome the problem alone," he said.

The violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State peaked on Aug 25, after Rohingya insurgents reportedly launched attacks against dozens of police outposts.

Clashes and military counter-offensive ensued, killing hundreds of people.

Almost half a million Rohingya refugees have since fled to Bangladesh as violence escalates.

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chief Datuk Zeti Isma Ismail said Najib had played a crucial role in highlighting the need for the world to act in the name of humanity.

"The fact that Najib raised the plight of the Rohingya people during his meeting with Trump speaks volumes about his concern for the oppressed.

"Afterwards, other countries have shown their support for his call."

Perak Umno deputy chief Datuk Saarani Mohamad said Malaysia had proven its commitment to end the violence against the Rohingya.

He said Malaysia had been consistent in calling for an end

to the persecution.

"By highlighting the issue with Trump, Najib showed that Malaysians sympathised with the Rohingya.

Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman said the world must find a solution to the humanitarian crisis.

"The Rohingya are fellow human beings who deserve to be treated humanely," he said.

Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia vice-president Ahmad Fahmi Mohd Shamsudin said world leaders should converge in Rakhine State to see the violence against humanity. **Additional reporting by Zahratulhayat Mat Arif**