

# Malaysia not changing position on non-political rep from Myanmar

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**PRIME** Minister (PM) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said Malaysia's position on Asean's decision to invite a non-political representative from Myanmar to high-level Asean meetings will remain unchanged, unless there was real progress and full implementation of the Five-Point Consensus.

"YAB PM opined that proposed measures to address the situation in Myanmar should be deliberated at the Asean Foreign Ministers and Senior Officials' levels. Malaysia agreed with the proposal by the Asean Chair for the Asean Foreign Ministers' Retreat to be convened as soon as possible," Wisma Putra said in a statement yesterday.

The PM has also reaffirmed Malaysia's position pertaining to the need for the Special Envoy of the Asean Chair on Myanmar to be granted access to all parties concerned towards finding a peaceful solution in the interests of the people of Myanmar.

"In this relation, Malaysia supports the appointment of Prak Sokhonn as the new



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Special Envoy. PM also highlighted that Malaysia remained committed to supporting Asean's efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar," Wisma Putra said.

According to the ministry, the message was relayed by the PM in a video conference with his Cambodian counterpart, Samdech Akka Moha. Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen on Monday.

Ismail Sabri urged for the need for de-escalation of the situation in Myanmar and cessation of violence against civilians according to a Wisma Putra statement, the PM also called for an inclusive political dialogue involving all parties concerned in the interests of the people of Myanmar.

He also asked for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, including Aung San Suu Kyi and U Win Myint.

Additionally, the Foreign Ministry said PM had asked for humanitarian assistance to continue through the Asean Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management, with the support of Asean Member States and Asean's external partners.

"PM also expressed Malaysia's support for Cambodia's Chairmanship and the initiatives towards furthering efforts to develop the Asean Community and Asean's progress both at the regional and international fora."