

**Malaysia Should Accede To Rome Statute Immediately - Bar Council**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Bar Council is calling on the government to accede to the Rome Statute of the Internatioanl Criminal Court without delay in line with Malaysia's participation in the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Its president Lim Chee Wee said in order to identify immediately with the goal to end impunity for crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes, it was important for countries to accede to the Rome Statute as quickly as possible.

"Thereafter, work can progressively be undertaken to bring domestic legislation into compliance with the requirements of the Rome Statute and for the introduction of implementing legislation," he said in a statement, here, today.

Lim said the Bar Council also urged the government of the member states of the Rome Statute to offer the relevant expertise to the Malaysian government in its drafting and implementation of the necessary domestic legislative changes.

In March 2011, the Malaysian government announced its intention to accede to the Rome Statue.

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