

Call For Najib To Help Solve Issues In Southern Thailand
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- A deputy rector of a Yala Islamic University, Thailand, has called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to play a bigger role to solve the political crisis in southern Thailand, just like what he has done for Philippine.

Assoc Prof Dr Ahmad Omar Chapakia made the call in his working paper titled Islam in Indochina: Muslims' Struggles in Southern Thailand.

He presented the working paper on the second day of the Nusantara-Islam in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Hopes seminar at Putra World Trade Centre here Saturday.

"In conjunction with this seminar, it is hoped that the government of Malaysia under the leadership of Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will play a more positive role to solve the political crisis in southern Thailand, just like what have been done for Philippine," he said.

Ahmad Omar said the crisis and critical situation in southern Thailand needed immediate solution.

"The crisis will affect peace in Thailand and its neighbouring countries, especially Malaysia," he explained.

Ahmad Omar also hoped Malaysia's contributions would not only solve the crisis in southern Thailand, but also improve the social status of Thai Malay Muslim community to be at par with other Malay Muslim communities in ASEAN member countries by 2015.

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