

PAS wants Najib to get OIC to convene on Egypt conflict
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PAS wants Putrajaya to be a mediator to end the conflict in Egypt, which has seen thousands killed by the army since last month.

PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub (pic) said this is the time for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to offer Kuala Lumpur's assistance by convening a summit meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

"This is beyond politics. We will support him on this. This is not about party," he said today after handing over a memorandum requesting for a special sitting of the Malaysian parliament to discuss the Egypt conflict.

Vice-president Datuk Mahfuz Omar who said the state governments should also convene their respective assemblies to debate the matter.

"The first move should be made in states governed by Pakatan Rakyat," he said.

He said Malaysia should also condemn countries like Saudi Arabia that supported what the Egypt government is doing to its people.

"If Saudi Arabia wants to freeze the Haj quota for Malaysians, let them do it. I do not think we care," he said.

Mahfuz said the Islamist party's leader Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang will write a letter to the Commonwealth Parliament Association which will be holding its conference in Johannesburg in South Africa.

Last Saturday, the Islamist party had organised a solidarity rally, which drew a crowd of some 7,000 to Padang Merbok in Kuala Lumpur.

Among the speakers at the rally included Abdul Hadi who had said the Egyptian military had set back democracy in that country.

Egyptian security forces have earned worldwide censure over the violent force used on deposed President Morsi's supporters.

The bloody crackdown has resulted in the deaths of thousands in Egypt. More than 1,000 supporters of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood have been arrested according to reports.

The Egyptian cabinet issued a defiant statement after the unrest, saying it was confronting a "terrorist plot".

The United States has led the international outcry against the Egyptian army with President Barack Obama saying the US was cancelling a joint US-Egyptian military exercise, but stopped short of suspending Washington's annual US\$1.3 billion (RM4.3 billion) in aid.

Human rights organisation Amnesty International called for a full and impartial investigation into the bloodshed, saying the authorities' response to the protests had been "grossly

disproportionate".

Apart from Saudi Arabia, Jordan has also backed Egypt's fight against "terrorism". - August 20, 2013

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