

**Malaysia Wants OIC Nations To Help Solve Egypt Crisis - Najib  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has written to all member nations of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) asking to convene a special conference to find a peaceful settlement of the crisis in Egypt, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman had sent the letter in keeping with the decision adopted by the government.

Najib said Malaysia was striving to play a role in the effort to bring peace in Egypt and added that he expected leaders of the Arab countries to telephone him on the matter in a day or two.

He said the Cabinet meeting Wednesday also expressed disappointment with the excessive use of force in Egypt to the extent of the loss of many lives, which if allowed to continue would lead to a severe civil war.

"The Cabinet proposed that a dialogue be held by all sides in Egypt so that the national reconciliation process could take place there.

"Firstly, the use of force must be stopped and respect must be given to human rights in finding a solution," he told a news conference after attending the Aidilfitri open house of the Prime Minister's Department at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC).

The prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor; Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa and his wife also attended the open house.

Referring to the efforts to bring home Malaysian students in Egypt, Najib said he was informed that 35 students would fly out of Egypt by Etihad Airways at 5 pm (11 pm in Malaysia) Wednesday.

He said that more than 200 flight tickets had been booked to bring home students on Thursday by Emirates, Etihad Airways and SIA.

"I have asked for the booking of flight tickets to continue so that we can purchase as many as possible daily to bring home all the students who wish to return," he said.

Najib said he could not be sure at the moment how long it would take to bring back all the students.

Replying to a question, Najib said it was most important that the people on the whole understood the sensitivities of every community in the country.

"This is not a question of being orthodox. There is some sensitivity within the people of Malaysia, that is not exclusive to the Muslims but to the non-Muslims also.

"They have their degree of sensitivity as well. So, it is important for us to understand the sensitivities of each community," he said.

Najib was asked if he thought Malaysia was becoming an increasingly orthodox Muslim country, given several incidents in the past in the country related to a dog trainer and a resort owner in Johor.

The dog owner was detained over a controversial video clip showing a person celebrating Aidilfitri with three dogs, while the permanent residence (PR) status of the owner of a resort in Kampung Sedili Besar in Kota Tinggi, Johor, was revoked immediately for not respecting the sensitivities of Muslims in Malaysia.

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