

**Four NGOs Request UN Protection For Rohingya
Bernama
June 2, 2015**

KUALA LUMPUR, June 2 (Bernama) -- Four NGOs today sent a memorandum calling on the United Nations to act immediately to protect the Rohingya community in Myanmar.

Ikatan Rakyat Insan Muslim Malaysia (IRIMM), Martabat Jalinan Muhibbah Malaysia (MJMM), Pertubuhan Ikatan Usahawan Kecil dan Sederhana Malaysia (IKHLAS) and Gerak Kerja Gabungan Ayahanda Selangor (GEGAS) handed over the memorandum to a representative at Wisma United Nations here.

IRIMM president Amir Amsaa, who spoke for the NGOs, called for a stop to what he alleged was the persecution of the Rohingya community whom he claimed had been denied citizenship and subjected to indiscriminate killing.

"The Rohingya community is being persecuted. They have to be defended. As human beings, we have to be sensitive. We should not view the matter solely from a religious angle. Priority must be given to the humanitarian aspect.

"As such, we call on the UN to send aid to protect the Rohingya," he told reporters after the NGOs had handed over the memorandum.

Thousands of people of the Rohingya community, fleeing the alleged persecution in Myanmar, have ended up with human traffickers who have reportedly subjected them to abuse.

While over a thousand of them have come ashore in Langkawi and many more are reported to be at sea.

Meanwhile, the police reported the discovery of 139 graves near 28 temporary camps apparently put up by the human traffickers in the jungles of Perlis.

Thirty-five skeletal remains have been dug up from the graves so far. They have been sent to the Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital in Alor Setar for post mortem.

-- BERNAMA

Copyright © 2015 BERNAMA

Source : <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v8/newsindex.php?id=1140369>