

MAPIM Calls On Najib To Use ASEAN Platform To Discuss Rohingya Issues
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ALOR SETAR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Consultative Council for Islamic Organisation (Mapim) today called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to use the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) platform to discuss the issues of ethnic Rohingya refugees.

Its president, Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid, said the issues should be discussed at the forum so that all quarters involved, including the Myanmar government, could find the solutions to the problems.

"We hope the prime minister will raise the issues of Rohingya refugees at the forum. If the Myanmar recognise the ethnic group, the issues will be solved and the Rohingya refugees will be able to return to the country as legal citizens."

He said this to reporters after the launch of Baitul Rahmah Rohingya Learning Centre by Deputy Kedah Mufti Syeikh Marwazi Dziyauddin in Seberang Pantai Johor here today.

Meanwhile, Mohd Azmi also said the government should consider giving a temporary identity card to the Rohingya refugees here so that their children could at least attend primary and secondary schools.

At present, he said there were 8,000 Rohingya children in the country and they needed to be provided with education, especially in religious aspects, so that they would not get involved in social problems in the country.

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