

**Ties with Myanmar Unaffected Despite Malaysia Being Vocal - Reezal Merican
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KEPALA BATAS, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- Diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Myanmar remain strong despite Kuala Lumpur being vocal against the persecution of the ethnic Rohingyas in the republic.

Foreign Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican said business was usual for the Malaysian Embassy in Yangon and vice-versa.

"In this case, as usual, Malaysia will choose a peaceful approach in solving humanitarian crisis, especially involving the ASEAN-member countries.

"We're being vocal because of the oppression of the ethnic Rohingyas but at the same time, (we) do not intervene in the internal affairs of the country. Now, it seems that the efforts have shown a positive development," he added.

Reezal Merican was speaking to reporters after handing over aid to over 1,000 Northern Seberang Perai fishermen in Penaga here today.

Myanmar had recently agreed to participate in a meeting involving ASEAN foreign ministers to discuss the current situation at Rakhine in Myanmar's northern region.

Meanwhile in another development, Reezal Merican said Malaysia hoped the the big power countries such as the United States, China, Great Britain, Russia and France would be more serious in discussing the situation in Aleppo, Syria and resolve the conflict.

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