

Malaysia offers Humanitarian Aid to Rohingya in Myanmar's Rakhine State

News:

During the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Yangon on 19th December, Malaysia has pledge its offer of humanitarian aid to help ease the suffering of Myanmar's persecuted ethnic Rohingya. In his speech to the delegations, Malaysia's Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman further iterated that the group should coordinate delivery of aid to Myanmar's impoverished Rakhine state, where most Rohingya live. He said "Firstly, (we) believe the most urgent matter is (safeguarding the welfare) of the people in the affected areas. We call for unimpeded access to the affected areas." [News Straits Time, 19th December 2016].

Comment:

Are we so obtuse in rubberstamping the same futile actions when dealing with atrocities against Muslims all over the world? Do we not have other solutions in defending the rights of our brothers and sisters when they are being massacred? Have we lost our ability to discern a proper response in dealing with injustice? It is understood that the Muslims in Malaysia have enjoyed decades of peace and prosperity. However, just because we have an abundance of food and a good life here, hence our vision of living is all about filling the belly and having a good night's sleep on comfortable mattresses? It appears that regardless of where and when an atrocity against Muslims took place, our standard answer is always to offer the victim humanitarian aid; **period**. It is devastating to imagine if we will stoop down so low in our resolve to the extend if our sisters are being raped next door, then all the able bodies in the room will start collecting money and offer food and medicines to the poor sister because she must be tired, bruised and hungry after going through the terrible ordeal!

When the Muslims of Palestine were being massacred, when our brothers and sisters in Syria were being butchered, we raised our voices towards Rulers of the Arab lands for failing to send even a single soldier to defend their right. But now, when Muslims are facing a genocide in our own backyard, where are our armies? Where are the calls to our own leaders to make full use of our multi-billion military forces? If we are divided among nations and races, no solution will be just to our brothers and sisters wherever they are except with the full protection of their right from the Khalifah: The Only Shield for Muslims. Remember that each one of these Muslims is a precious human being in the sight of Allah (swt). He has made the killing of each one of these individuals a crime that is more heinous than destroying the Ka'ba! Crimes we have witnessed for decades because we have lost the shield:

«إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ، يُقَاتِلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ، وَيُنْقَى بِهِ»

“Indeed, the Imam (Khalifah) is a shield, from behind whom you fight and by whom you are protected.” [Muslim]

Oh Muslim of Malaysia, call for the correct action, strive for the true salvation and protect yourself from the fables of secular ideologies based solution.

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