

**Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin,  
Prime Minister of Malaysia  
Office of the Prime Minister of Malaysia**



Dear Prime Minister Yassin,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Organization for World Peace urging you to protect Rohingya people seeking refuge in Malaysia. It is you who can make a better world with each resource allocated and each person sheltered.

Amnesty International reports that Malaysian authorities plan to send 269 Rohingya people back to sea. Understanding the pluralism that Malaysia champions in the region of Southeast Asia, it is outrageous to witness this disregard for principle and international law. Although the 1951 UN Refugee Convention was not ratified in your country, to turn away asylum seekers is unethical by the standards of general international human rights law. It is simply inadmissible to neglect the virtues of your nation, especially during our current global climate in which everyday people are disarmed of their wellness and dignity.

Just like you, the Rohingya are a people of God. They bake under the heat of their homes, a searing land which rejects them. They board boats like prophecies in the hopes of giving their children the gift of human decency. Their reception would be an affirmation of the distinguished theological mission of Malaysia. My wish is that you find yourself in their yearning for a better life.

Prime Minister Yassin, we urge you to act upon your commitment to human decency and protect those calling for refuge in your country. Specifically, we call on you to:

- Ensure the safety of the 269 Rohingya people currently seeking asylum in Malaysia by granting them asylum and shelter.
- Commit Malaysia to a future of kindness human solidarity by ratifying the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

Thank you for your attention. As a champion of pluralism and solidarity, we trust that you will take this issue seriously and seek to protect those impacted by your decisions. Without your immediate help and support, hundreds of Rohingya people will be left stateless and unprotected.

Sincerely,

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