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CONTINUITY OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE ROHINGYA AND BANGLADESHI AT THE BELANTI DETENTION CENTRE

Kuala Lumpur, 29th May 2015 – MERCY Malaysia has continued with operations at the Belantik Detention Centre in Kedah for the second week. The medical team has continued providing medical aid, distribution of specific non-food items and psychosocial support.

MERCY Malaysia has also been working with the Royal Malaysian Navy and has a team on standby to assist Rohingya asylum seekers and Bangladeshi irregular migrants on boats at sea. However, at the present time there have been no boats detected within Malaysian territorial waters.

MERCY Malaysia also expresses sadness and disappointment at the discovery of camps and mass graves most probably of Rohingya asylum seekers and Bangladeshi irregular migrants in Wang Kelian in Perlis. *“We hope the authorities will do all they can to ensure that illegal human trafficking activities across our borders is stopped and those responsible apprehended and brought to justice”* said MERCY Malaysia President, Dato’ Dr Ahmad Faizal Perdaus.

MERCY Malaysia is hopeful for a positive and constructive outcome from the May 29th Meeting in Bangkok between ASEAN leaders, providing a solution to both the current humanitarian crisis at hand, as well as a durable long term solution for the underlying problems.

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