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PRESS RELEASE

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MERCY MALAYSIA HAS BEGUN RESPONDING TO THE ROHINGYA AND BANGLADESHI REFUGEES

KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 21, 2015- MERCY Malaysia has begun providing relief aid to the Rohingya and Bangladeshi refugees in the Belantik detention centre, Kedah, northern Peninsular Malaysia.

In a statement made today by MERCY Malaysia's President, Dato' Dr Ahmad Faizal Perdaus said *"We have conducted an assessment inside the camp, and have concentrated our aid in two main areas which are health and medical aid as well as essential non-food items"*.

MERCY Malaysia has started conducting aid operations inside the camp with full cooperation of the relevant authorities and will continue to do so in the same manner. MERCY Malaysia would like to thank the authorities for providing necessary regulated access to the refugees for necessary humanitarian aid.

We would also like to continue to urge the governments concerned with the crisis to work towards providing both a short-term humanitarian solution to the crisis, as well as working towards a long term diplomatic and political solution to the underlying issue. Towards this end, MERCY Malaysia welcomes the initiatives taken by the governments of Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Bangladesh to discuss this issue actively and advocates more positive action be taken.

For those seeking to support MERCY Malaysia's humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya and Bangladesh refugees during this critical time, monetary donations can be made to the following bank accounts or given in cash at MERCY Malaysia's Head Office in Kuala Lumpur.

ACCOUNT NAME: MALAYSIAN MEDICAL RELIEF SOCIETY

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 80-0249839-3

BANK NAME: CIMB BANK

BANK BRANCH: AMPANG POINT

BANK ADDRESS: 23,JALAN MAMANDA 7/1,WISMA AMPANG TRIANGLE 11,JALAN AMPANG,68000 AMPANG,SELANGOR D.E, MALAYSIA



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Note: Kindly email your proof of payment to donation@mercy.org.my along with your full name (as required to be written on the tax-exempt receipt), I.C. number, email address, mailing address and your contact number. Our donation department will then issue you with a tax-exempt receipt.

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About MERCY Malaysia

MERCY Malaysia is a non-profit organisation focusing on providing medical relief, sustainable health-related development and risk reduction activities for vulnerable communities in both crisis and non-crisis situations. MERCY Malaysia recognises the value of working with partners and volunteers as well as providing opportunities for individuals to serve with professionalism. We uphold the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief and hold ourselves accountable to our donors and beneficiaries. As a non-profit organisation, MERCY Malaysia relies solely on funding and donations from organisations and generous individuals to continue our services to provide humanitarian assistance to our beneficiaries. For more information, please visit www.mercy.org.my

How is MERCY Malaysia funded?

To ensure independence and impartiality, MERCY Malaysia relies on donations from the general public for financial support. A portion of our income is obtained from institutional donors, individual government grants and other international organizations, which are given on project basis. MERCY Malaysia spends 80% of its income in carrying out its relief operations and support.

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In order to avoid confusion with other organisation(s) that uses "Mercy" as the organisation's name or part of the organisation's name, please take note that in addressing the name of our organisation, the wordmark for MERCY Malaysia is with capitalised "MERCY", followed by the word "Malaysia". When describing the organisation, the term "MERCY Malaysia" must always be used in full, and should not be partially referred to as "MERCY", or "Mercy". Thank you for your cooperation.