

# Asean cured by economic instruments promptly, the

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ASEAN has managed to maintain the status quo of the external powers engaging in the region. Nevertheless, one prevailing issue that attracted so much attention in the region and has inevitably become a global concern is the Rohingya Refugee Crisis in Myanmar which relates back to the topic of ethnic tensions as discussed. Human rights and human security are endangered as Rohingya Muslims are being persecuted by Myanmar's armed force in the Rakhine State (Al Jazeera, 2017).

Boat People are mistreated and they are subject to become a victim of human rights abuse by the authority. Although international organizations, treaties and NGOs seek to encourage human rights, they are hindered by the local authority, such as in Thailand which UNHCR was not allowed to process asylum-seekers and in Malaysia which has not signed UN Covenant on Refugees (Shu, Week 9). Additionally, with the commencement of AEC, labor migration has sparked many public debates on the issue of foreign immigrants as well. Some of them are subject to abuse, some are to poor working condition, as well as human trafficking. The Bali Process (est. 2002) aims to combat with those concerns of people smuggling, human trafficking and related transnational crimes, but translating the intention into reality still seems to remain problematic for the forum and the region (Weatherbee p. 196, 2009). Not only are the transnational labor migrants an issue themselves for the impoverished conditions they are placed to suffer, but possible economic consequences shall also be taken into account. For many economies in the region having a considerable inequity in income distribution, the originally underprivileged natives may culminate a sense of discontent towards the immigrants and the benefits they are granted; which

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if not appropriately cured by economic instruments promptly, the income disparity and the conflict of interests could emerge as protests, antisemitism sentiments and ultranationalism which could lead to an unsustainable security environment within the region and hence affect how other nations would treat the region. Lastly, the events that posed threats to human security and triggered supreme humanitarian emergency would include the 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami and Cyclone Nargis in 2008 which claimed lives of hundred-thousands of people. As well, the geography of Southeast Asia is a tropical rainforest, meaning that the region is prone to diseases such as dengue fever, HIV and other diseases which also a considerable threat to the human security in the region. In my opinion, to improve the situation of human security, countries must improve legal framework, and as a part of attaining a strong regionalism, the legal frameworks shall be systematized not just within the region, but also in harmony with the international bodies that are willing to partake in improving the situations.