

PLIGHT OF ROHINGYA REFUGEES

Mr. Karam Shaar, a volunteer with the UNHCR, was the speaker at an Ecumenical Forum organized by CCM on 2nd August and held at the Ecumenical Center.

From his vast knowledge of the Rohingya community that exist as “stateless” people in Malaysia, he shared about their plight to find shelter and jobs to sustain their families. According to UN statistics there are over 45,000 registered Refugees and Asylum seekers in Malaysia.

In the Q & A session that followed there was a lively debate about the role of the government and of ASEAN in resolving the plight of the people.

Churches have offered help where it was needed by reaching out to the Rohingya community with welfare aid. The UNHCR is grateful to many NGOs and faith based organizations that are doing what they can to deal with this enormous problem.



