



ACTIVIST HIBAKUSHA. In this June 30, 2015 file photo, Sumiteru Taniguchi, a survivor of the 1945 atomic bombing of Nagasaki, shows a photo of himself taken in 1945, during an interview at his office in Nagasaki, Japan. For more than 70 years, Taniguchi, chairman of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Council, lived with a web of wounds covering most of his back and the remains of three ribs that half rotted away, permanently pressing against his lungs. Taniguchi died in August at the age of 88. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko, File)

Survivor of Nagasaki bomb, who campaigned to ban nukes, dies

By Mari Yamaguchi
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Sumiteru Taniguchi, who devoted his life to seeking to abolish nuclear weapons after he was burned severely in the 1945 atomic bomb attack on his hometown of Nagasaki, has died of cancer. He was 88 years old.

Taniguchi died at a hospital in Nagasaki of cancer of the duodenal papilla, the point where the pancreatic and bile ducts meet, according to the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations.

Taniguchi was 16 years old and was on the job delivering mail on August 9, 1945,

when a U.S. atomic bomb was dropped on the city. The blast 1.1 miles away threw him from his bicycle, almost killing him. The Nagasaki attack killed more than 70,000 people. The bombing of Hiroshima three days earlier killed an estimated 140,000.

He could only lie on his stomach for nearly two years while he was treated for the burns that exposed flesh and bones. He later formed a survivors group and had since led a national effort against nuclear proliferation.

In an interview with The Associated Press two years ago, Taniguchi peeled his

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Indonesia angered after Malaysia shows its flag as Poland's

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia accused the Malaysian organizers of the Southeast Asian Games of negligence after the Indonesian flag was printed upside down in a souvenir guidebook.

The mistake, which made the red-and-white Indonesian flag resemble Poland's, caused anger in Indonesia where #shameonyoumalaysia has become the most popular hashtag on Twitter.

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo also called for an apology, but cautioned against exaggerating the incident.

"We are waiting for an apology from the Malaysian government because this is related to the pride of our nation," Jokowi said.

Indonesia's Olympic Committee chairman Erick Thohir said the mistake "shows negligence" and demanded the guidebook be withdrawn and a new version printed.

"Friendship is the greatest legacy in sports, but a mistake in presenting a national identity is not justified," he said.

In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian youth and sports minister Khairy Jamaluddin met his Indonesian counterpart at a news conference and apologized.

Indonesia appears to have taken particular offense because the guidebook was distributed to VIPs at the opening ceremony in Kuala Lumpur for the 29th Southeast Asian Games and only its flag was shown incorrectly.

Youth and sports minister Imam Nahrawi said the error was "very painful."

The Malaysian Organizing Committee issued a statement saying "we very much regret the mistake."



FLAG FLAK. Malaysian youth and sports minister Khairy Jamaluddin, left, and Indonesian youth and sports minister Imam Nahrawi, right, pose together after Jamaluddin apologized to Indonesia for a mistake that made the red-and-white Indonesian flag resemble that of Poland in a souvenir guidebook, at a press conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (AP Photo/Daniel Chan)

Malaysia and Indonesia are both Muslim majority nations and share a similar language but often trade accusations of stealing the other's food and culture.

The creation of Malaysia when the British empire was dismantled after World War II was bitterly opposed by Indonesia, itself then a new nation emerging from Dutch colonial rule and a short-lived Japanese occupation.

On Twitter, Indonesians said their flag represents the sacrifices of independence heroes and accused Malaysia of either being stupid or deliberately misprinting it.

"You know, this is maybe the reason why our founding father Soekarno wanted to Kick Your Ass," said one user.

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