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SANUSI URGES BN LEADERS NOT TO TRY AND OUST OTHERS

LANGKAWI, June 14 (Bernama) -- Kedah Menteri Besar-designate Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid today urged Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders not to attempt to topple fellow leaders in their party, saying such actions are self-destructive.

"For the good of everyone, I wish to remind Barisan Nasional component leaders to stop any moves to bring down their own leaders.

"For example, we do not want Umno members to try and topple their own division leaders and we also do not want to see attempts by division leaders to bring down leaders of other divisions," said Sanusi, the Kuah state assemblyman who will be sworn in as the new Menteri Besar on Sunday.

He was addressing the people at a gathering at the Langkawi Sports Complex in Kuah here in honour of his appointment as Menteri Besar.

Sanusi said members unhappy with a leader should air their grouses through the proper channels but they should respect the decisions made by the party leadership.

"We have chosen Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the Prime Minister, Umno president and BN chairman, so we should respect his decisions," he said.

On the Langkawi Umno division which he had led for almost 16 years until the divisional election last year, Sanusi said he accepted the developments there with an open heart.

"It is best to forgive but we should not forget what happened because it should serve as a reminder to prevent a recurrence," said the former Agriculture Minister.

He said the 14 months when he was out of the federal Cabinet had given him an opportunity to view the government from the outside.

"This period has given me a chance to hear the people's assessment of the government, particularly in relation to what I had done.

"It was a quiet but meaningful period to me," he said.

Earlier, on arrival at the international airport in Padang Matsirat here, Sanusi was received by some 500 members of BN component parties.

He was then escorted to the sports complex by a convoy of about 300 motorcyclists, most of whom wore T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Thanks Che Det". -- BERNAMA

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