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Umno-Windingup (Muhammad)

SELANGOR GOVERNMENT CANCELS MICHAEL JACKSON CONCERT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernam) -- The Selangor government today announced its decision to cancel Michael Jackson's "HIStory World Tour" concert scheduled to be held on Oct 27.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib, who is Umno vice president, said that the decision was made because the concert involved elements contrary to the teachings of Islam.

Such elements were not in line with the values being promoted to create a society which truly upholds the principles of the religion, he said when winding up the debate at the final day of the Umno general assembly here.

The Shah Alam Municipal Council earlier cancelled the concert on the grounds that the singer's appearance here would adversely affect efforts to promote noble values in the society.

Jojo's Entertainment, the organiser of the concert, appealed to the state government against the cancellation of the permit for the concert to be held at the Shah Alam Stadium.

Muhammad also said that party members should heed the advice by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to be self-analytical so that they could overcome their own weaknesses and shortcomings.

He said that the Malays should not be too timid to the extent that they were left far behind the other races.

The Malays had always been raised to be humble but they should not allow themselves to be trampled upon and if they were aggressive, they should not forget basic Malay values, he added.

Muhammad said that the Malays should be confident and bold in seizing opportunities but not at the expense of others.

He said that he regarded his election as vice president as a trust and responsibility placed upon him and he would carry them out the best he could in the interest of the party and the Malays. -- BERNAMA

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