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Assembly-Pahang (America)

ASSEMBLY PASSES MOTION SUPPORTING MAHATHIR'S LEADERSHIP

KUANTAN, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- The Pahang State Legislative Assembly today unanimously passed a motion supporting the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

All the 38 assemblymen including the sole DAP representative supported the motion tabled by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

The motion was tabled in the wake of the action by 27 American congressmen to move a draft resolution in the US Congress calling on Dr Mahathir to apologise for his alleged anti-Jewish remarks failing which he should resign as prime minister.

It was also to support measures that had been and would be taken by Dr Mathahir to deal with the ringgit's depreciation.

In tabling the motion, Khalil said the assembly would be with the federal government and the Malaysian Parliament in whatever action taken to uphold the country's sovereignty and integrity.

The assembly also resolved to oppose any attempt to interfere in the country's internal affairs, he said.

Khalil said the House condemned the impending resolution initiated by Robert Wexler (Democrat-Florida) saying it was a clear action of disrespect to Malaysia's system of parliamentary democracy.

The congressmen's action also showed their ignorance on Malaysia's foreign policy as often raised by Dr Mahathir, he said.

While calling on the congressmen to stop pursuing the draft resolution, he gave an assurance to American investors, tourists and American nationals in Pahang that their safety was guaranteed.

In supporting the motion, Datuk Ibrahim Taib (BN-Sungai Lembing) said big and powerful countries had no right to determine the leadership of another country.

Saying that the draft resolution was undemocratic and inappropriate, he hoped that the US Congress would reject it if it was tabled.

Ti Lian Ker (BN-Indera Mahkota) said the congressmen's action was a violation of democratic rights and international law.

He said nobody had the right to elect the prime minister except Malaysians themselves.

" We will not accept any form of foreign colonisation," he said.

K.K.Loke (BN-Ketari) said Malaysians strongly condemned the congressmen's action as they interfered in the domestic affairs of other countries.

The sole opposition member Leong Ngah Ngah (DAP-Triang) said only Malaysians had the right to choose who to head the country's leadership.

In winding up the debate on the motion, Khalil said he was not denying the congressmen's right to air their views but what he questioned was their action to move the motion without taking into account Malaysia's foreign policy.

He said Malaysia was mindful of the cordial diplomatic and trade ties with the US and wanted to maintain it.

He expressed the hope that majority of the congressmen would not accept the resolution. -- BERNAMA

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