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Assembly-Kedah (Motion)

KEDAH ASSEMBLY CONDEMNNS US CONGRESSMEN'S MOVE

ALOR SETAR, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- The Kedah Legislative Assembly today unanimously approved a motion condemning the move by 34 US Congressmen to table a motion to ask Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to apologize or resign for his alleged anti-Jewish remarks.

The House also expressed its disapproval of the US move to invoke the Iran-Libya Act against Petronas over its investments in that country.

The motion tabled by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid was approved after five members including PAS President Fadzil Noor had taken part in the debate.

PAS which has two members in the House expressed its full support for the motion.

Sanusi said the US Congressmen's move was an attempt to humiliate Malaysia and the race.

"What right have they to bring up a motion asking the leader elected by the people of this country to resign."

"The US Congressmen want to remind us that we cannot criticise anybody while they alone can...when we criticise we are asked to apologize," Sanusi said.

On the move against Petronas, Sanusi said the United States was trying to drag other countries also into its conflict with Iran.

"We do not have any dispute with Iran but are being asked not to do business with that country just because they have a dispute with Iran," Sanusi said.

The PAS member for Bukit Raya, Fadzil Noor said PAS had already taken a firm stand on this issue and had asked Dr Mahathir not to give in to pressure from the congressmen.

He said the issue involved the dignity of the people, the Prime Minister and the country.

"The Prime Minister has been given the mandate to govern until the year 2000 when the next general election is due," he said.

"PAS opposes any move by other countries to interfere in this country's affairs," Fadzil added.

The MIC's Dr Joe Fernandez (BN-Lunas), the MCA's Datuk Yong Pau Chak (BN-Kulim) and Umno's Hamlan Haji Din (BN-Belantek) and Badri Yunus (BN-Tanjung Dawai) also participated in the debate. -- BERNAMA

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