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Umno-Winding (Sanusi)

MALAYS MUST BE READY TO SACRIFICE ANYTHING FOR ISLAM- SANUSI

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- The future of the Malays depends on their readiness to sacrifice anything including their lives to defend Islam, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said today.

He said the present society should be reminded that bloodshed like that which occurred in the past would recur if the tendency among Malays to call each other kafir was not stopped immediately.

"Once Umno members are willing to sacrifice their property, time, thought and even their own lives to ensure Islam is not manipulated only then our future holds victory for us," he said when winding up the debate at the Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

Sanusi, an Umno Supreme Council members, said that his recent statement that he was prepared to struggle until the last drop of his blood to defend Malay leaders and Islam had been distorted by certain groups.

This distortion included the claim that the leader he was supporting had become an apostate.

"Why consider the statement to defend the leader until the last drop of blood be considered more dangerous than the statement accusing another of becoming an apostate. What in fact is more dangerous and will cause us to have a bloodbath is accusing another of becoming an apostate," Sanusi said.

Many did not seem to realise that accusing the leader of becoming an apostate was more dangerous than a statement to the effect that a person would defend his leader.

The abuse of Islam by certain Malays was so serious that this time around Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had to concentrate in his speech on this issue of abusing Islam for political purposes rather than dwell on the country's financial and economic problems, Sanusi said.

"Accusations about others becoming apostates are surfacing when we are facing share market, financial and other problems," he said.

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