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Motion of Confidence in Mahathir passed by Sarawak Assembly

KUCHING, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak State Assembly today unanimously passed a motion expressing continued support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership.

The motion of confidence tabled by Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud also opposed the draft resolution by the 34 United States congressmen and US attempts to investigate Petronas investments in Iran.

Deputy Chief Minister and Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) Chief Datuk Dr George Chan, Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB) Deputy Youth chief Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) Youth chief Joseph Entulu, SUPP Youth chief Lee Kim Shin and Sarawak Backbenchers Club President Datuk Effendi Norwawi represented the BN in the debate.

DAP state chairman Wong Sing Nang and Keping Wan the sole independent also took part in the debate.

Taib in his speech said the US Congressmen's draft resolution was a blatant and totally unacceptable interference in the country's internal affairs and its democratically elected leadership.

He said it was an unwarranted attempt to undermine Malaysia's sovereignty and integrity.

"The bilateral relationship between the government of Malaysia and the government of the United States and their peoples have been developed to the mutual benefit of both countries and should be preserved through mutual respect" he said.

Dr Chan said the motion was directed against those in the United States who sought to destroy the existing good bilateral ties by abusing their power as congressmen.

Malaysians should be thankful to the national leadership headed by Dr Mahathir for the tranquility, progress and harmony that prevailed in the country, he added.

Wong Sing Nang said the state DAP supported the Prime Minister on the issue because the United States or any foreign nation had no right to interfere in Malaysia's domestic affairs. -- BERNAMA

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