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supports PM

THE State assembly adopted an emergency motion to declare its support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's drastic move in solving the current economic and political problems.

The assembly also supported the expulsion of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the Cabinet and party.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin (BN - Merlimau) tabled the motion as soon as the assembly began.

It was unanimously supported by the 22 Barisan

Nasional state assemblymen while the three DAP representatives objected.

Abu Zahar said the assembly supported the premier's decision in solving the current economic and political problems.

He said, various steps have been taken to overcome the economic crisis and with a hardworking leader like Dr Mahathir, the country was less affected by the crisis compared with some countries in the region.

Abu Zahar said the assembly supported PM's move in introducing a

strict exchange control, as it has effectively boosted the stock market and revived the economy.

"The assembly also supported Dr Mahathir's move of controlling the currency, pulling ringgit from offshore markets before Oct 1, and prevent nominee nominees from making transactions in the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange," he said.

Abu Zahar said the move was not only to revive the economy but also to combat money speculators.

He said that the assembly also supported the

move to sack Anwar from the deputy prime minister and finance minister posts.

He said Anwar's expulsion proved that the Government would not allow leaders with low morals to lead the country.

Opposition leader Sim Tong Him (DAP - Bandar Hilir) said the party supported Dr Mahathir's moves to revive the economy through drastic measure but it did not support Anwar's sacking.

He added that the government should institute legal action against Anwar.