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S'GOR LEGISLATURE ADOPTS MOTION CONDEMNING GORE, SOROS

SHAH ALAM, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- The Selangor State Legislative Assembly today unanimously adopted a motion condemning United States vice president Al Gore and US financier George Soros for interfering in Malaysia's internal affairs.

Government back-bencher Datuk Saidin Thamby (BN-Paya Jaras) in tabling the motion said Gore's rude remarks had offended all Malaysians.

"Moreover the remarks also offended APEC leaders who came here to discuss economic cooperation," he said.

Gore in a dinner address to the APEC business summit last month expressed explicit support to the so-called movement for reform which had been staging anti-government demonstrations in Kuala Lumpur.

Soros, who was promoting his new book at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington last week, reportedly called for the removal of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the release of former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who is on trial for corruption.

Several assemblymen debated the motion which was also supported by Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and opposition member Chua Kow Eng (DAP-Bandar Klang).

The Selangor state legislative assembly is made up of 48 members of the governing Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition and three opposition members from the DAP.

Chua said Soros and others like him, had brought miseries and hardships to Malaysians and the people of other Southeast Asia nations through their speculative currency attacks.

"Soros has no moral right to tell Malaysians who they should choose as prime minister," Chua added.

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