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Foreign interference in our domestic affairs rapped

reports on "Negri Sembilan State Assembly" by Kamarulzaman Salleh
THE Negri Sembilan State Legislative Assembly yesterday passed an emergency motion supporting the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and denouncing foreign interference in Malaysia's domestic affairs.

The motion tabled by Hashimuddin Kadir (Umno-Seri Menanti) and seconded by Datuk Ishak Ismail (Umno-Lenggeng) was passed by all 29 Barisan Nasional representatives with the exception of Speaker Datuk Hamdan Mohamad, who is Rantau State Assemblyman.

Two other State Assemblymen S. Krishnan (MIC-Si Rusa) and Datuk Waad Mansor (Umno-Gemencheh) were absent when seven Assemblymen debated the motion which saw the participation of all Barisan Nasional component party representatives.

Besides Hashimuddin and Ishak, the others were Zainal Mokhtar Yunus (Umno-Senaling), Mej (Rtd) Lim Yong (MCA-Chennah), M. Sundram (MIC-Jeram Padang), Datuk Woo Ah Lek (Gerakan-Senawang) and Apandi Johan (Umno-Kota).

Hashimuddin said foreigners had undermined the Government's handling of the economic slowdown and later meddled in the country's politics following the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and Umno deputy president in September.

"Malaysians must remain united and stand up against outside interference in our domestic affairs and support the Prime Minister all the way so that he will not be alone."

Ishak said the people should not allow foreigners to determine the future of this country and its people.

Therefore, he said, the people should thwart any attempt by foreigners to interfere in the country's internal affairs.

Lim said the country was capable of handling its economy and political problems without any foreign intervention especially when Dr Mahathir's leadership qualities had been recognised by world leaders.

He added although there were some minor problems caused by supporters of Anwar through their so-called reformasi movement, the vast majority of people supported the Government.

Sundram said Dr Mahathir's leadership track record in bringing about rapid development including the establishment of the Multimedia Super Corridor was indeed an achievement.

As a representative of the Indian community in the State, he said, they supported the continued leadership of the Prime Minister to steer the nation to greater heights.

Woo said the attitude of foreign Governments meddling in Malaysia's internal affairs reflected their bad intention and kurang ajar behaviour towards the sovereignty and independence of the country.

Later, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad (Umno-Linggi) said the commitment and support of the Assemblymen showed that the people rejected any attempt by foreigners to meddle in the administration of the country.

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