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FOREIGN NATIONS SHOULD NOT USE ANWAR ISSUE TO STIFLE ECONOMY- SANUSI

ALOR SETAR, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Foreign nations should not use the issue of the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to stifle the Malaysian economy, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said today.

"They are not defending Anwar but are showing their hatred for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said.

"When Anwar was in the government also the West did not like Dr Mahathir and now they will use the Anwar issue to pressure Dr Mahathir and the Malaysian economy," he told reporters after chairing the Kedah Umno monthly meeting here.

He said this when asked about the possibility of other countries using the Anwar issue to impose economic sanctions on Malaysia.

"If they do not view the moral issue involving their President seriously, they should not hope that we will view the moral issue involving our former Deputy Prime Minister lightly," Sanusi said.

Sanusi also hit out at some lecturers at the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) who according to him instigated six students of the university to distribute opposition party posters during the Arau by-election resulting in the students being suspended for between one and two semesters.

The Menteri Besar said one of the students informed him about the alleged lecturers' involvement during a dialogue at the university last night.

The Menteri Besar also said people could write to him for explanations on the Anwar issue.

"I will try my best to reply to them. If the questions posed are the same I will photostate my replies," he said.

"I am fostering direct communication on the issue," he added.

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