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Gore, Soros assailed for their interference

reports on "Selangor State Assembly" by Annie Freeda Cruetz  
THE tabling of a motion against United States vice-president Al Gore and currency trader George Soros for their interference in Malaysia's internal affairs was debated in the Selangor State Assembly, with Opposition state assemblymen joining in with their support.

Saidin Thamby (BN-Paya Jaras) who tabled the motion lodged a strong protest against outsiders interfering in Malaysia's internal affairs and dictating to the people who their leaders should be.

"We, the people of Selangor are strongly against outsiders dictating to us what to do and what not to do.

"We do not want anyone instigating unrest and political instability in the country."

Lee Hwa Beng (BN-Subang Jaya) said Al Gore's statement that the street protesters were brave and that the US Government heeds the calls for People Power, doi moi and reformasi at the APEC Business Summit dinner on Nov 17 still made Malaysians angry.

"Al Gore violated diplomatic protocol and behaved abominably in a gathering of so many heads of states, guests from all over the world and Malaysians.

"World television and media carried his statement verbatim. What was Al Gore trying to achieve by making these statements.

"Is he encouraging the street demonstrators of Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia to take the law into their hands? Or is he trying to topple our Government?"

Lee pointed out that all the four Prime Ministers in Malaysia were elected democratically and without bloodshed since Independence.

He also said US President Bill Clinton was facing impeachment arising from extramarital sexual relations and Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was also on trial for corruption and charged with sodomy.

In both cases, he said, the due process of law had not been completed.

Hence, there was no need for Al Gore or Soros to ask the people to take the law into their own hands or dictate who should be the country's leader.

"As the US Government and its people do not want their people to take the law into their own hands, so our Government and people do not want it," he said.

S.S Rajagopal (BN-Kota Raja) said Malaysians did not need the US or any other country to interfere in its internal affairs.

Chua Kow Eng (DAP-Bandar Klang) said people like Soros have brought sorrow and misery to Malaysia and other nations in Southeast Asia.

"Soros is only interested in squeezing money out of nations. He does not care what happens to the people and nations he has trampled on as a result of enriching himself.

"He will naturally advocate an open world market so he can go on plundering country after country without responsibility."

Emboldened by his wealth from plunders, Chua said Soros now felt justified to meddle in the affairs of Malaysia by calling for the removal of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Malaysians are knowledgeable enough and politically mature to choose their own leaders without outside interference.

"Economic plunderer George Soros has no moral authority to tell Malaysians whom to have as Prime Minister," he said.

In winding up the debate, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said he was happy that both the Barisan Nasional and DAP were in support of the motion.

He said the people of Malaysia stood united against interference.

In pledging the State Government's full support for the Government under the leadership of Dr Mahathir, Abu Hassan said the people of Malaysia would ensure that no outsider interfered in its internal affairs and dictated who should be its leader and how to rule the country.

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