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Assembly-Johor (Motion)

LEGISLATURE PASSES ANTI-GORE MOTION

JOHOR BAHRU, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- The Johor State Legislative Assembly today unanimously passed an urgent motion strongly protesting against United States vice president Al Gore's provocative remarks last Monday.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, in tabling the motion, said Al Gore's action was politically unethical and had hurt the feelings of Malaysians.

Gore's remarks in support of the so-called movement for reform and his immediate departure from the dinner function after speaking was uncivilised and insulted the hosts as well as foreign leaders and delegates present, he said.

He said as a country claiming to be upholding democracy, the US should realise that the Malaysian government was legally chosen through a democratic election.

Gore's remarks had not only interfered with the internal affairs of a sovereign country but were made at a forum which was supposed to focus on resolving the current international financial crisis, Abdul Ghani said.

The assembly also pledged support for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's continued leadership as prime minister especially in revitalising the country's economic and political resilience.

Earlier, when debating the motion, state executive councillor Adam Abdul Hamid urged the people of Johor to fly the national flag at their premises tomorrow to show their support for Dr Mahathir.

The House sits again tomorrow.

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