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MELAKA ASSEMBLY PASSES EMERGENCY MOTION OF SUPPORT FOR DR MAHATHIR

MELAKA, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- The Melaka Legislative Assembly today passed an emergency motion of support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his efforts to handle current issues in the country.

The motion moved by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin (BN-Merlimau) reads " That this august House express full support for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister of Malaysia and for his efforts to resolve the current political and economic issues and ensure national security."

The motion seconded by State Executive Councillor Datuk Gan Boon Leong (BN-Duyong) was supported by the 21 Barisan Nasional members and opposed by the three DAP assemblymen.

Opposition leader in the Melaka Assembly Sim Tong Him (DAP-Bandar Hilir) said the DAP supported the measures taken by the Prime Minister to overcome the economic problems facing the country as stated earlier by the party.

However Dr Mahathir's move to sack Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister had to be explained to the general public and hence a special session of Parliament had to be convened to discuss the removal of Anwar, he said.

Abu Zahar when tabling the motion said due to the wise administration of Dr Mahathir the country was still able to withstand the effects of the economic slowdown unlike many other countries whose economies had collapsed.

" We do not have to apply for outside loans and we have tackled the issues in our own way without applying other people's mould," Abu Zahar said.

Abu Zahar said Dr Mahathir's call for action against currency speculators was beginning to get international attention.

On Dr Mahathir's move to dismiss Anwar from the Cabinet, he said it was a difficult decision taken in the national interest after careful consideration by the Prime Minister.

" It is certain that the Prime Minister had smelt something bad will occur if he does not take firm action on the question of sexual misconduct," he said.

The question of sexual misconduct could not be taken lightly and to uphold the administration's clean image there could be no compromise in this matter, the Chief Minister added.

Gan said that in 17 years of leadership Dr Mahathir had practised high morals and displayed noble qualities and dignity.

" The Prime Minister has held steadfastly to the principle of being clean, efficient and trustworthy," he said.

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