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PAHANG LEGISLATURE CONDEMNS AL GORE'S INTERFERENCE

KUANTAN, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- The Pahang State Legislative Assembly which sat today passed a special motion strongly condemning United States vice president Al Gore's recent provocative remarks and interference in Malaysia's internal affairs.

Tandem to the motion, the House also unanimously pledged full support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership.

In tabling the motion the assemblyman for Jengka Datuk Zainal Hassan said Gore's remarks at an Apec business summit dinner in Kuala Lumpur last week attended by Apec leaders had challenged the dignity of Malaysia and her people.

"Gore's remarks were seditious and inciting disorder which could derail national efforts towards economic recovery," he said.

The remarks were motivated by ill intentions on the part of the US in the hope that a destabilised Malaysia would provide an opportunity for the US to interfere in national affairs on the pretext of offering help, he said.

"Our national dignity has been insulted and our graciousness belittled by a foreign leader whom we had accorded the highest hospitality. What we got in return was most degrading and utterly disgusting," Zainal added.

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