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Umno-Winding Up (Sanusi)

SANUSI JUNID EXPOSES PLOT TO TOPPLE MAHATHIR AND ANWAR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- Umno Supreme Council member Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said today a group within the party is plotting to topple party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Asking Umno members not to easily fall into the trap of the group, he said it consisted of people who sought to hold key posts in the party and government.

Sanusi, who is Kedah Menteri Besar, spoke of the plot while winding-up debate on the final day of the Umno general assembly. Menteris Besar do not normally take part in the winding-up but Sanusi asked to be given the opportunity.

He said a leader from the Indian community told him of the plot while they were attending the National Land Council meeting in Ipoh early this month.

Sanusi said the leader got to know of the plot from a Malay leader, who told him that the the majority of Umno divisional heads did not like the president and that 30 per cent of members of parliament would meet Dr Mahathir to ask him to step down.

The Malay leader also told him that a student movement was being formed to pressure Dr Mahathir to step down, and that the leader of a neighbouring country who did not like Dr Mahathir had asked a Malaysian leader to topple Dr Mahathir.

Sanusi said Dr Mahathir and Anwar should call up the Malay leader and ask him about the matter.

The group was seeking to topple Dr Mahathir because it did not want to see Anwar taking over the leadership in a peaceful manner, he said.

Sanusi said those in the group believed that Anwar would continue with the style of national development pursued by Dr Mahathir, which was based on Islam and disliked by the West.

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