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Sarawak Assembly passes motion in support of PM

KUCHING, Wed. - A motion of confidence and support for the continued leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and condemnation of the recent attempts to destabilise the country was adopted by the State Assembly today.

The motion, tabled by Datuk Effendi Norwawi (BN-Dalat) and seconded by Lee Kim Shin (BN-Senadin), resolved to:

- * express the Dewan's full confidence in and support for the Prime Minister;

- * deplore and condemn all undemocratic and unconstitutional attempts aimed at destabilising the Government and political system or removing a democratically elected leader of the nation who still commands the respect and support of the people; and,

- * express its full support for all efforts undertaken by the Prime Minister and his Cabinet towards the economic recovery of the nation.

In tabling the motion, which was debated by 15 State Assemblymen, Effendi said Malaysia had achieved progress and world status and recognition in so many areas because it was blessed with a "strong, able, respected leader" truly committed to nation building.

Effendi said the people should cherish the reality that the streets were safe and that earnings and properties were safe as there existed law and order provided by a strong and stable Government.

He said that he believed Dr Mahathir was right in introducing exchange rate controls, and pointed out that many leading economists in the world, including the renowned Dr Paul Krugman, had endorsed such a measure.

Effendi pointed out that the measures implemented by the Government were beginning to show results.

The motion had the support of all State Assemblymen except the two DAP members, Wong Sing Nang (Pelawan) and Wong Ho Leng (Bukit Assek).

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