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UMNO NEEDS SINCERE AND HONEST LEADERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bergambar) -- Umno must be led by sincere and honest people who love the party, and not hypocrites, to ensure continuity in its struggles, Kedah Umno Liaison Committee representative Datuk Badrudin Amiruldin said today.

Speaking in support of Umno Youth's emergency motion at the Umno Special General Assembly here to amend the party constitution, Badrudin urged Umno members to reject "puppet leaders" who he claimed were tools of other countries which were out to destroy Malaysia.

"Do not let puppets lead Umno because the country will then plunge into chaos and we will become slaves to the Jews and the West," he said.

He also condemned American interference in the country's affairs as happened when Vice-President Al Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, during their brief visit here, openly pledged support for the reformation movement that was opposing the leadership of Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said it was the responsibility of Umno members to defend the country from being colonised by two-legged creatures like currency speculator George Soros.

Terengganu Umno representative Datuk Idris Jusoh said the US need not preach the true concepts of democracy to Malaysia because the leaders of this country knew better which form of democracy was suitable for Malaysia.

"We are not willing to be re-colonised physically, economically, ideologically or in whatever form, and Al Gore has made a wrong move in trying to use Malaysia for his political interests," he said.

Johor Umno representative Muhamad Aziz also chided Al Gore, Albright and Soros, saying they might be a civilised and strong race but they were uncultured.

"Unfortunately some Malays, especially Umno members, are willing to be puppets of the West," he said.

He urged the Malays, particularly Umno members, to oppose and reject those who were being used as tools by these uncultured people.

Sabah Umno representative Datuk Yahya Hussin said Malaysia should launch cyber warfare by using the Internet to counter moves by the West to disparage Malaysia.

He suggested that the government set up a television station called "Global Satellite News" as an alternative to CNN and CNBC which tended to carry inaccurate reports on Malaysia.

Negeri Sembilan Umno representative Amrus Ibrahim called on the Malays to unite under Umno as it has proven its success in championing the interests of the Malays.

Perlis representative Hajah Mustika Junaidah reminded the people that the independence and peace they were enjoying did not come easily but was achieved through the sacrifices of past Umno leaders.

As such, the Umno Supreme Council should act against anyone who tried to destroy this independence and peace, she said.

Perak representative Datuk Hamdi Abu Bakar said efforts to fight foreign interference should not only be made by Umno members but also by all other Malaysians.

Hamdi said foreign interference could not have possibly happened if these "worms" had not entered the country with the help of collaborators.

It was most saddening that foreign interference in Malaysia was aided

by people who claimed to love Umno and the country but behaved like traitors, he said.

"What do they mean by saying that they love the party and the country but hate Dr Mahathir? These are not the voices of PAS people but Umno members who fail to realise that their insincerity has caused the people to hate Dr Mahathir," he said.

Kelantan Umno representative Wan Zahid Wan Abdullah said the people should strengthen unity in the face lies being spread by foreigners, and if they wanted to change the government they should do it through the ballot box.

Pulau Pinang representative Yusof Ismail, whose speech was the shortest, said Umno and its leaders should be moderate in their actions and expression of hatred against someone.

Selangor Umno representative Datuk Saidin Tamby said Gore had no business preaching US-style democracy because his country practised "skin colour democracy" in many matters.

The US was never concerned about the fate of people in developing countries, especially Islamic nations, and had always tried to sow the seeds of discord in countries where leaders did not dance to its tune, he said.

Therefore, the people's spirit of patriotism should be enhanced to ward off US attempts to force its political and economic ideology on Malaysia, he said.

Pahang Umno representative Zainal Hassan said the West dared to interfere in Malaysia's affairs because it had planted its stooges in the country, including within Umno.

He said this became clear when Dr Mahathir removed the thorn that had been troubling Umno to save the country from being recolonised.

When this happened this group refused to accept reality and instead challenged the Umno leadership, he said.

He hoped Umno members would not make mistakes again when electing their leaders next year.

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