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AGGRESSIVE OPS TO COUNTER OPPOSITION LIES

KOTA KINABALU, Nov 9 (Bernama) -- Umno Supreme Council (MT) member Datuk Mohamed Salleh Tun Said said the Anti-Slander Operations launched by Umno is an effort by the party to react aggressively and extensively to refute the slanders spread by the opposition.

Lately, the opposition had been actively spreading lies and twisting facts so much so that many people believed and felt that the government had committed many improprieties, he said at a gathering of the Barisan Nasional (BN) election machinery in Kota Belud.

Mohamed Salleh said although the information campaign had been carried out earlier to clarify on the slanders spread by the opposition, the campaign had been intensified after the launching of the operation.

The operation was launched by the Prime Minister who is also Umno president, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a follow-up to the MT decision last month to counter aggressively the slanders spread by the opposition.

The operation is also known as "Ops 7M" to counter the seven aspects -- slanders, lies, curses, profanity, hatred, prejudice and sedition (memfitnah, membohong, memaki hamun, mencarut, membenci orang lain, menimbulkan buruk sangka and menghasut).

Mohamed Salleh, who is also the State Assemblyman for Usukan, hoped the people would not be swayed by the slanders and lies spread by the opposition particularly pertaining to key national leaders.

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