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DON'T BE INFLUENCED BY LIES, LANGKAWI PEOPLE TOLD

LANGKAWI, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid called on Langkawi residents to reject lies created by certain parties in order to preserve prosperity enjoyed by the resort island.

"Lies will only create splits and unrest in the country," he said when opening the Langkawi Carnival in conjunction with the Langkawi Maritime and Aerospace (Lima) Exhibition '99, here, last night.

Sanusi said there was tendency among certain groups in using religion for their personal interest.

He said Langkawi residents should stand up against those spreading lies and slanders especially during the general election in order to prevent the "curse" of Mahsuri seven centuries ago from recurring.

Sanusi said this when referring to the legend where a Langkawi princess, Mahsuri, was executed after she was framed for committing close proximity.

Before she died, Mahsuri laid a curse against the island and its people, saying that they would suffer for seven generations.

Sanusi said the people should be grateful to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad whose efforts had turned Langkawi into among the world's leading resort island.

"With the idea mooted by Dr Mahathir, Langkawi is known worldwide through Lima which is on par with similar international events like the Paris Air Show," he said.

Sanusi said Malaysia was a haven for investors due to its political stability and this in turn created many job opportunities in the country.

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