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`Opposition party will lose support of rural Malays'

LANGKAWI, Sat. - Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said today Pas would lose the support of rural Malays as it appeared to be abandoning its pursuit of an Islamic State.

He said the party had always attempted to woo the rural Malays by highlighting its Islamic nature.

"Pas now is showing its true colours by abandoning the Islamic State concept. Even with this move, I don't think it can win the support of non-Malays," he said after opening the Langkawi Co-operative Development annual meeting.

Sanusi also said criticism of Umno leaders from Kedah came only from leaders of opposition parties who are from outside the State.

"For instance, leaders like Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad come to Langkawi almost every month while Pas leaders only visit during election time."

Sanusi said the people could see for themselves the economic, spiritual and physical development initiated by the BN leadership.

"We have not bragged about what we have done. So, what the eyes see is not what the ears hear (from the opposition)."

Earlier, Sanusi cautioned Malays to be wary of external forces which wanted to see the nation's disintegration. He said the "outside forces" were using agents within the country to influence individuals to weaken the unity of the Malays.

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