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Moggie: Moderation crucial to maintain stability, unity

PARTI Bansa Dayak Sarawak president Datuk Amar Leo Moggie, who retained his post uncontested, yesterday emphasised the importance of moderation to protect the Malaysian way of life.

In his opening address, he said moderation was crucial in maintaining the stability and unity of the multi-racial society of Malaysia.

Moggie, who is also the Energy, Communications and Multimedia Minister, said the brand of politics practised by Barisan Nasional was unique.

"It has proved to be a winning formula as it is based on moderation and, therefore, in view of the coming State elections, it is necessary for members and supporters of all component parties at all levels to strengthen their co-operation and work as a team, the BN team."

However, Moggie said, there was the emergence of narrow-minded extremism by a fanatic minority who sought to dictate their will through whatever means.

As in the case of the Sauk incident last month, he said, the Al-Ma'unah group had used religion in order to fan religious and racial conflict.

"Those who stole those weapons and tortured and killed the two security personnel did so not because the victims were non-Muslims.

"True Muslims all condemn them. They did those horrible things because they are criminals and the full force of the law has to be meted out against them."

He stressed that Malaysia was a multi-racial and multi-religious society and Malaysians must accept their differences.

He also said PBDS members should learn from Malaysia's survival during the recession in 1997 through Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership.

Moggie also said that the party had made it compulsory for approval to be obtained from the Youth central executive committee before the formation of new branches.

"Right now, branches are being formed like mushrooms by any Tom, Dick and Harry."

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