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ULAMAS: SUPPORT FOR US MILITARY OPS IN AFGHANISTAN IS HARAM

PETALING JAYA, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- The Special Conference of Malaysian Ulamas on the Afghanistan issue today resolved that any form of support, whether directly or indirectly, for the United States' (US) military operations in Afghanistan or any other Muslim nation is "haram" or forbidden for Muslims.

It also resolved that any US attack on Afghanistan and any other Muslim nation in the name of fighting terrorism was a form of attack on Islam and Muslims.

These resolutions were among the 16 approved at the one-day conference organised jointly by the Malaysian Ulamas Association (PUM) and the Kedah Ulamas Association (PUK), here today.

All the resolutions were read by PUM president Abdul Ghani Samsudin at the conference.

The other resolutions approved were that "jihad" was an obligation that must be carried out by every Muslim to defend Muslim territories in Afghanistan or any other Muslim nations in the world from attacks by enemies of Islam.

"To participate in the jihad either physically or in the form of material contribution is a legal obligation to be fulfilled by all Muslims," Abdul Ghani said.

The conference also resolved that boycotting all goods, services and social activities of the US was an obligation to be fulfilled by all Muslims.

It also resolved that the source of any violence must be tackled if efforts to eliminate violence was to be carried out sincerely and morally.

In addition, it also resolved that a settlement based on the principles of justice and truth as outlined by Islam must be used as the basis in resolving the crisis in Afghanistan or in any other Muslim countries.

The other resolutions were:

- * To express sympathy to the families of victims of the Sept 11 attacks, and at the same time expressing sympathy to all the Afghan victims caused by the attacks by the US and its allies.

- * To call on the US and Britain to stop immediately their military operations in Afghanistan and their armed forces must immediately leave Afghanistan or any other Muslim countries.

- * To call on heads of Asean member nations to pass a resolution to condemn the US attacks on Afghanistan and that the attacks must stop immediately and to protest the US intervention as well as that of its allies in Afghan politics.

- * To call on the Organisation of Islamic Conference to hold a special session to assist in resolving the crisis in Afghanistan. The OIC also must strongly protest against the US threats to attack other Muslims in the guise combatting terrorism.

The resolutions also called on all Muslims and governments against having any doubt on the current crisis.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the steering committee for the conference, Mohamed Azmi Abdul Hamid said the resolutions would be sent to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, members of the Cabinet and all members of Parliament for endorsement.

"We will also send the resolutions to all heads of government of Asean member countries, the OIC secretariat, the Arab League secretariat, Wamy

(World Assembly of Muslim Youths) secretariat, other Islamic bodies at the national and Asean regional levels," he said.

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