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BE AWARE OF GLOBAL POLITICS AND FOREIGN DOMINATION, SAYS RUHANIE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- A government backbencher said Malaysians should be aware of global politics and the greedy powerful nations that try to dominate other countries, especially those with natural resources.

Datuk Ruhanie Ahmad (BN-Parit Sulong) said the Budget 2003 tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Dewan Rakyat last Friday indicated a paradigm shift, the national economy would not depend too much on international trade or Foreign Direct Investments (FDI).

"This is the sixth consecutive deficit budget, targeted to bring a paradigm shift to develop and create a dynamic national economy," he said during the debate on the Supply Bill 2003 at the Dewan Rakyat, here today.

Touching on Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Ruhanie said the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Human Resources should make ICT laws a critical component in developing e-commerce in Malaysia.

He said the teaching of ICT laws should be made a branch of education and taught at higher educational institutions. Better awareness of these laws among consumers are vital to lure ICT investors to Malaysia.

"For example, there is no need for Malaysian artistes to lament about piracy. If they understand in detail about the laws, the problem of piracy can be reduced," he added

Meanwhile, Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong) asked the government to table in parliament the report on terrorism in Malaysia, mentioned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad about some Muslims who were prepared to commit violent acts in the country.

"The Prime Minister had disclosed a group of Muslims were willing to plan and act aggressively and this should be tabled in Parliament," he said.

Dr Tan also urged the government to sponsor the world summit on terrorism, that did not only involve the use of weapons but also economic terrorism.

He asked the government to withdraw the declaration that Malaysia was an Islamic state. According to him the declaration was made because of pressure from the opposition party, PAS.

The House will sit again tomorrow.

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