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Pas can forget about spreading its wings to Sabah, says Sapawi

THE people of Sabah can never be swayed by Pas' politics and the party can forget about spreading its wings there, Datuk Sapawi Ahmad told the assembly.

The Sabah Umno representative, in supporting the resolution on religion and social issues, said Sabahans were aware that Pas would only destroy the future of the Malays there.

"As far as Pas is concerned, only their leaders and followers can go to heaven while hell is reserved for Umno leaders and members. This is misleading ... and so is the party's hudud.

"We will stand solidly behind one person, that is Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the man who scores lots of golden goals. It is him who makes Malaysia known internationally and its achievements are emulated by countries across the globe."

He also described the Umno president as an Islamic fundamentalist with far-sighted visions.

Sapawi said all the 57 leaders of Islamic nations who attended the Minister of Endowment and Islamic Affairs conference in Kuala Lumpur recently had also endorsed Malaysia's success as an Islamic nation.

"The leaders also recognised Malaysia as a progressive and dynamic Islamic nation. Next year, the Organisation of Islamic Conference meeting will be held in Putrajaya. This is an honour bestowed upon us, the Muslims and the country in general," he said.

Despite their endless achievements, Muslims, particularly the Malays, must never forget the Islamic fundamentals.

"We must remain steadfast in our religious conviction and uphold the fundamentals for success in the world and hereafter."

He said Sabah Umno supported on-going efforts to modernise and upgrade the capabilities of the armed forces.

"The upgrading and enhancement of our weapons and artilleries and modernisation programme will ensure continued security not only for Malaysia but the region as a whole."

The Government should be aware of neighbouring countries who never felt grateful and did not understand the meaning of solidarity, said Sapawi adding such neighbours also love to deprive others of their rights.

Sapawi also called on the relevant authorities to beef up monitoring of pornographic items and unhealthy publications which could still be found in abundance.

He added that the Government should re-introduce Bulan Dakwah (Month to propagate Islam).

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