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SUPP to strongly oppose extremism

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KUCHING, Fri. - The Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) today resolved to "object strongly" to chauvinism, religious fanaticism and political extremism in the country.

It would also "vehemently oppose" any move to introduce hudud in the country.

In a 12-point resolution issued to the Press today, the party said: "We urge the people to support fully the principles of goodwill, understanding, peace and democracy which has formed the basic policies of moderation of our Barisan Nasional Government all these years."

The resolution was unanimously approved by delegates at the 19th delegates' conference at the party headquarters today.

SUPP is one of the four parties that make up the ruling Sarawak Barisan Nasional. The other partners are Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), and Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP).

"We further strongly oppose the use of anti-terrorist pretext to justify some pre-emptive strikes against any neighbouring nation by any quarter," it said.

One of the resolutions called on party members to continue supporting the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his successor Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to enable him (Abdullah) to continue what it described as "a mammoth task of nation-building" without interruption.

On education, the party urged the Federal Government to recognise the certificates of the Chinese Independent Schools Examinations as well as give annual allocations to all streams of education in the country to enhance human resource development.

"This conference fully supports the party's central leadership in their dealing over the use of English in the teaching of Science and Maths subjects in Chinese primary schools."