

'FISHING FOR SYMPATHY'

'STOP MAKING SLANDEROUS REMARKS'

**Kedah PH leaders
slam MB for
comments against
PM, unity govt**

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KEDAH Pakatan Harapan leaders have called on Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor to stop making slanderous remarks against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and the unity government.

State PH chairman Datuk Mahfuz Omar dared Sanusi to prove his latest claims that there was a plot to remove him from representing the state in the National Finance Council.

"That is a serious allegation. Sanusi should provide proof to back his claims instead of simply coming up with such allegations.

"Clearly, Sanusi is trying to build a misleading narrative that

he, the state administration and the people of Kedah are being marginalised by the federal government," Mahfuz said here on Tuesday.

Mahfuz was responding to Sanusi's claims that there was a plot to replace him in the National Finance Council with the Kedah state secretary.

Sanusi had said this during a breaking of fast programme with Kedahans residing in the Klang Valley over the weekend.

Mahfuz added that it was unbecoming of Sanusi to make such claims just to score some political mileage without thinking of the implications to the country and the people.

"He is trying to fish for sympathy, projecting himself as a hero fighting off an evil federal government ahead of the upcoming state election.

"Sanusi should have played the role of a statesman instead of overly politicking.

"He should have respected Sultan of Kedah Sultan Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah's decree at the opening of the Kedah State Legislative Assembly in March, calling for harmonious relations be-

tween the state and federal government."

He added that Sanusi should have emulated leaders from other opposition-held states in dealing with the federal government, including Perlis Menteri Besar Mohd Shukri Ramli.

On Tuesday, Kedah PKR deputy chairman Nor Azrina Surip told Sanusi to stop spreading lies about the unity government and the prime minister.

She said Sanusi should play a role that bridges all parties to ensure that the people's interests are being taken care of.

However, she said Sanusi continued to make statements that strained the state-federal relationship, including his recent claims of being banned from attending any federal government event, such as the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2023 next month.

"Recently, the Kedah menteri besar, in his speech at an event, had claimed that there is a plot to replace him with the state secretary in the National Finance Council whereas in Article 108 of the Federal Constitution, the Na-



Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor claims there's a plan to remove him from the National Finance Council, PIC BY

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tional Finance Council must be headed by the prime minister or any appointed minister, while each state is represented by an individual approved by the sultan or the Yang Di-Pertua Negeri.

"It clearly shows that the prime minister does not have the au-

thority to name anyone other than individuals approved by the sultan.

She stressed that such slanderous remarks should not have been uttered, even if they were intended as a joke to fish for support.