

Assembly Rejects Motion To Discuss Dr Mahathir's Statement

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SHAH ALAM, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- The Selangor State Assembly today rejects an emergency motion to discuss an issue involving a statement by Pakatan Harapan chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who allegedly insulted the Bugis ethnic group which raised the ire of the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

State Assembly Speaker, Hannah Yeoh Tseow Suan rejected the motion submitted by Datuk Abdul Shukor Idrus (BN-Kuang) at the sitting citing that the issue was not something which needed to be speeded up.

Shukor, when submitting the emergency motion, requested that the Selangor State Government respected the speech of the Sultan of Selangor and, appropriately, state leaders should bar Dr Mahathir from taking part in any Selangor state government activities including banning his use of any state government-owned premises.

"I bring this emergency motion because of the insult to the Bugis ethnic group by Dr Mahathir which has caused anger and negative reactions from the public especially from those of Bugis ancestry."

"In fact, the meeting of the Selangor Council of the Royal Court in its statement on Nov 2 said the matter was viewed seriously and the Sultan of Selangor was very disappointed at such an accusation," he told reporters when commenting on the rejection of the motion at the State Assembly lobby here today.

In this regard, Abdul Shukor said he and Barisan Nasional elected representatives would send a memorandum to express support to Sultan Sharafuddin soon.....

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