

MB: There's no discrimination

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KOTA BARU, Thurs. — Menteri Besar Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today he believed the Federal Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad did not practise discrimination, especially against the Kelantan people.

He said based on the speech by Dr Mahathir when opening the \$19 million Pasir Mas-Salor bridge, about 13km from here today, it was obvious that Dr Mahathir did not want the development of Kelantan to be politicised by any quarters.

"Dr Mahathir had urged all quarters not to politicise any development programme planned for Kelantan and this showed that the Federal Government would continue with its efforts to develop the State," Haji Nik Aziz said when met at his official residence here.

He said his meeting with Dr Mahathir should also

open doors to better relationship between the State and Federal Government.

"Based on the situation today, I see no problem in a close co-operation," Haji Nik Aziz said.

He said he had been praying to Allah so that the people of Kelantan did not become the victims of political discrimination.

He hoped his meeting with Dr Mahathir today would ensure continued Federal support for the State.

Haji Nik Aziz said he believed his presence during the function would become the "bridge" towards better relations between the State and Federal Government.

He said while he was walking Dr Mahathir to his car at the end of the function he whispered to him saying that he would like to return Dr Mahathir's visit.

"Dr Mahathir smiled and said that he would welcome my visit," Haji Nik Aziz said.