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KOTA BAHARU, Aug 22, 1991 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Aziz Nik Mat during his meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad two weeks ago had raised the financial problems being faced by the state government.

He had also handed over to the Prime Minister's Department the list of development projects requiring Federal assistance.

In an interview with RTM today, Haji Nik Aziz did not deny that his government faced financial problems and needed assistance.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir had explained that the Federal Government wanted to help Kelantan but at the outset it faced certain obstacles from going ahead with the assistance.

+I consider this as something normal,+ Haji Nik Aziz said.

The Menteri Besar said among the projects that needed Federal Government assistance were the construction of a coastal road, expansion of the Pengkalan Chepa Airport and the setting up of a branch campus of the Institute Technology Mara in Machang.

Asked whether PAS planned to co-operate with Umno, Haji Nik Aziz said at present there were no such plans.

+We have not reached that stage. Perhaps in the future there is such a possibility... only God knows.+

Haji Nik Aziz also said he had told +Harakah+, the PAS official organ, to refrain from personal attacks.

+Political problems can be resolved without raising personal questions,+ he said.

However at times emotions could run high +as for 30 years we had been in a situation where tension and anger had prevailed.+ -- Bernama

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