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NIK AZIZ APPEALS TO DR MAHATHIR TO RECONSIDER DECISION ON HUDUD LAWS

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KOTA BAHARU, May 25 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has appealed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to reconsider the federal government's decision not to recognise the "hudud" (Islamic penal) laws passed by the Kelantan Legislative Assembly in November last year.

He told Bernama after a "ceramah" last night in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidiladha that the prime minister should reconsider the decision as PAS would continue to call on the federal government to allow the laws to be implemented in Kelantan.

Dr Mahathir had said the federal government did not recognise the laws formulated by PAS as they did not reflect justice according to Islamic laws.

Nik Abdul Aziz said implementation of the laws was necessary "before Allah (God) metes out punishment to all as a result of man's stubbornness".

The question of the "hudud" laws approved by the Kelantan government being PAS "hudud" laws did not arise as the laws were mentioned in the Quran, he said. -- more

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On the position of the laws now, he said the state government would wait for further reaction from the federal government and he hoped that the prime minister would be more open on the matter.

He said federal government leaders should accept the laws as it was their responsibility, as Muslims, to implement them.

Earlier, in his address, he said Dr Mahathir's statement that the federal government did not recognise the laws might have been made after getting the views of groups which did not understand "hudud" laws.

He said it did not reflect fully the decision of the federal government but more of an Umno meeting.

The laws of Allah (God) cannot be changed as that stated in the Quran, he said. -- Bernama

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