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NAZRI 'DECLARES' HIS ASSETS TO GUAN ENG

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- Datuk Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz, the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, today "declared" his assets and income to DAP Kota Melaka MP Lim Guan Eng to keep a promise he made in the Dewan Rakyat last week.

Mohamed Nazri said the declaration should not be seen as a "precedent" for other Barisan Nasional (BN) MPs and members of the government administration to do the same.

"I did this only to prove that not all BN MPs and members of the government administration live in greater affluence after becoming BN MPs or being given posts in the government as claimed by the opposition," he told reporters after making the private declaration to Lim at Parliament House.

Lim had on Oct 17, during the debate on the Members of Parliament (Remuneration) (Amendment) Bill 1996, challenged BN MPs and members of the government administration to make public their incomes and assets to prove the transparency of the BN.

The challenge was accepted by Mohamed Nazri who promised to reveal his assets and income privately to Lim.

Lim said Mohamed Nazri showed to him statements of his income and assets before and after becoming a deputy minister as declared to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I acknowledge that the income of Yang Berhormat Datuk Mohamed Nazri was higher before he became a deputy minister but I cannot verify his assets," he said.

He said Mohamed Nazri asked that his declaration remained confidential for security reasons.

Lim hoped other members of the government administration, particularly ministers, deputy ministers, parliamentary secretaries and state executive councillors, would also make public their incomes and assets.

He said DAP leaders were also prepared to make a similar declaration but he believed the public would not be interested in the incomes and assets of opposition members. -- BERNAMA

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