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PAS STILL INSISTING ON UMNO'S ACCEPTING THEIR CONDITION

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 4 (Bernama) -- Umno must accept Islam as the basis of its struggle if the two parties were to unite, Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today.

"We want to unite but let Islam be the basis and Umno will not loose out if it accepts Islam," he told reporters at a reception to raise money for Kelantan PAS' welfare fund at his official residence, here.

Nik Abdul Aziz said, if the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties were angry with PAS because of the basis of its struggle, they should explain why, not just condemning all PAS' actions and struggles which were based on the Quran and Hadith.

But, he said PAS definitely would join the BN.

"We will not join the BN but if Umno wants other way, Inshaallah, we are willing to discuss...we will not turn it down," he said when asked to comment on call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that PAS followed the example of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 by dissolving the party and join Umno. -- BERNAMA

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