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S46 DESCRIBE NIK AZIZ'S STATEMENT AS INSULTING

KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Bernama) -- Parti Melayu Semangat 46 regards the Kelantan Menteri Besar, Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat's statement that many of its supporters have joined PAS following confusion among them over the action of a handful of its leaders as a "provocation."

"We regard the statement as a provocation, baseless and insulting to Semangat 46," its Chief Information Officer, Encik Ahmad Shabery Chik, said today.

He said from the historical perspective it was PAS members themselves who left the party and joined others.

They included former PAS president, the late Tan Sri Mohamed Asri Haji Muda who quit Pas and formed Parti Hizbul Muslimin (Hamim) and later became a member of Umno.

Nik Aziz was reported to have said in Tumpat yesterday that S46 supporters "are confused leading them to think its leaders are acting in different ways and prompting them to join Pas and setting up branches in several villages," he said.

Nik Aziz's statement followed confirmation by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday of his meeting with S46 president, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and that they discussed among others matters like "the political and economic situation." -- BERNAMA

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