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Nik Aziz-Semangat

S46 SUPPORTERS CROSSING OVER TO PAS

TUMPAT, April 26 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today many supporters of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) have joined PAS after being confused by the antics of several leaders of the party lately.

"They (supporters of S46) are confused, leading them to join PAS and setting up branches in villages," he told reporters after opening the RM500,000 public library at Wat Mai Suwankhiri buddhist temple, here.

However Nik Aziz did not elaborate on the number of PAS branches set up by the former supporters of S46 saying that it was a party secret.

Asked on rumours that S46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah would rejoin Umno, Nik Aziz said PAS would not interfere since it was S46's internal affair.

"The question of Ku Li (Tengku Razaleigh) rejoining Umno, that's an old story, it is up to him...he is mature enough," he said.

"If he met the Prime Minister, that's his right. I am a PAS member and he is a S46 man, he cannot disturb us and we do not want to disturb him," he said adding PAS would not interfere if Tengku Razaleigh really wanted to rejoin Umno.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today confirmed that Tengku Razaleigh met him recently and among matters discussed between them were the economic and political situation.

Nik Aziz said this had not affected the state government administration and everything was running well.

On the possibility that Tengku Razaleigh who returned to Kelantan this afternoon would meet him to discuss the current political situation in the state, Nik Aziz said he had not heard anything from the S46 president.

On the function which he attended, Nik Aziz said he was trying to correct the wrong impressions between Muslims and followers of other religions in the state.

"Now I know there are many similarities between the teachings of Buddhism and that of Islam. Due to this assimilation we can work together to deal with moral decadence among youths," he said.

He said all the problems affecting the society in the state especially that of moral deterioration could be overcome if all the people adhered to their respective religious beliefs. -- BERNAMA

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