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Annuar warns Pas not to `exploit' visit

KOTA BARU, Thurs. - Kelantan Umno deputy liaison chief Datuk Annuar Musa today reminded Pas against exploiting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's scheduled visit to the State on April 4.

He said it would be a normal working visit for the Prime Minister which should not be manipulated by the party for its political mileage.

"It will not be the first time Dr Mahathir is visiting Kelantan, where he will be met by Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

"They were together before when Dr Mahathir came to Kelantan to open the Salor-Pasir Mas bridge in 1991," Annuar said at the State Umno headquarters.

He added that Dr Mahathir maintained good relations with all State governments. "The Prime Minister has good relations with the Pas State Government and also the Kelantan palace."

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to be in Kelantan for a day-long working visit at the invitation of Koperasi Usaha Bersatu to witness the signing of an agreement between KUB and Keloil Sdn Bhd to develop Pantai Senok in Bachok into a petro-chemical township.

Keloil Sdn Bhd is a subsidiary of the State Economic Development Corporation.

The signing of the agreement will be held at the KUB textile factory in the Pengkalan Chepa industrial area.

The Prime Minister will for the first time be greeted on his arrival in the State by Nik Aziz since Pas took over the State Government in 1990.

Nik Aziz will also witness the signing ceremony.

Dr Mahathir is due to arrive at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport at 8.45am and return to Kuala Lumpur at 6.30pm.

Speculation is rife that the Prime Minister will seek an audience with the Kelantan Sultan.

On the State Government's relations with the Kelantan palace, Annuar, who is also Rural Development Minister, said he was happy that it had improved. "Hopefully, the situation will help the State Government improve its administration."

Yesterday, Nik Aziz urged the people to stop listening to rumours on his relationship with the Sultan, adding that he did not want any more negative news on the matter to reach the Sultan.

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