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NIK AZIZ WELCOMES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEAC

KOTA BAHARU, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat today welcomed the government's move to set up the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) with the hope that it will revitalise Malaysia's economy.

He said the establishment of the NEAC was in line with the demands of Islam in resolving the problems currently facing the country.

"Maybe in principle the establishment of the council is to control finances so that there is no wastage...I agree (with the establishment)," he said.

He said measures to prevent wastage should be a continuous process and not taken only in times of emergency.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in announcing the establishment of the NEAC last night, said it was an approach similar to that used by the government during the emergency following the May 13, 1969, incident when the country was placed under the National Operations Council.

Today Dr Mahathir clarified that the NEAC, to be set up next month, would complement the Cabinet and not take over its role. -- BERNAMA

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