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Nik Aziz: PM merits a warm welcome

KOTA BARU, Thurs. - Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat who described Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a "statesman", said he deserved a warm welcome by the people of Kelantan.

He added the visit would put an end to the negative impression that certain quarters have concerning relations between the Federal and State Governments.

Speaking after chairing the State Exco meeting, Nik Aziz said Dr Mahathir had shown himself to be an able leader with excellent leadership qualities.

"Hence, I hope nobody will politicise his visit," he said, adding that he urged the people, including Pas supporters, to welcome Dr Mahathir when he arrives at Sultan Ismail Putra airport tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir will be on a one-day working visit to Kelantan where he will witness the signing of an agreement between Koperasi Usaha Bersatu and the State Economic Development Corporation over the setting up of a joint-company to carry out a petrochemical project in Pantai Senok.

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