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TIES BETWEEN KELANTAN AND KL GOOD, SAYS NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- The Pas-led Kelantan state government's open support to Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad is proof of the good ties between the state and federal government, Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today.

He said the cooperation between Pas and the federal government was getting better as demonstrated by the support to Dr Mahathir at a time when the nation was facing economic crisis.

"However differences of opinion exist between Pas and the federal government, a good sign that the country is alive," he said after the opening of the Budget sitting of the Kelantan State Legislative Assembly here.

The Sultan of Kelantan had in his opening address called for closer ties between the state and federal departments and agencies for the benefit of the people.

On the delay of the extension project of the Sultan Ismail Airport, Nik Aziz said the project was under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

On the criticism by the Sultan over the state of cleanliness of Kota Baharu town, Nik Aziz said he admitted that the town was dirty and hopefully the problem could be overcome soon.

"We admit there was an internal crisis in the Kota Baharu Municipal Council (MPKB) involving the council chairman and the state administrative officer last year which affected the council administration and I hope the problem will be resolved soon," he added.

Meanwhile MPKB chairman Nordin Yaakub, who is also Kelaboran state assemblyman, said the council would improve cleanliness in the town.

"We accept the criticism by the Sultan," said Nording who was recently appointed to the post to replace Pangkalan Pasir assemblyman Hassan Abdullah who was appointed as a State Executive Councillor.

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