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DONT POLITICISE WATER SUPPLY CRISIS, SAYS NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, May 24 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat today urged all parties to seek ways to solve the current water crisis in the state and not to make a political issue out of it.

Commenting on a statement made by Kelantan Umno Liaison Committee deputy chairman Datuk Annuar Musa on Friday, he said the matter should not be misinterpreted but be resolved in the best possible manner.

Annuar had said that Nik Aziz sought advice from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently on the termination of the water concession agreement with the Kelantan Water Sdn Bhd (KWSB).

To this, Nik Aziz remarked that the problem faced by the people should be tackled by all concerned parties.

"This is a sensitive matter and cannot be politicised," he told a news conference at his office here.

The state government was reported to try to pre-mature terminate the three-year contract with KWSB for failing to improve the quality of water supply in the state.

Meanwhile, Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed announced today an additional federal government allocation of RM170,000 to overcome the water woes in two districts in the state.

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