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PAS' ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND TO SARAWAK MET WITH OBSTRUCTION- NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- PAS' attempts to spread its wings to Sarawak met with obstruction, Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today.

However the party was determined to go to Sarawak, Nik Abdul Aziz who is also PAS Chief Teacher said after attending the launch of the Produa Kembara here.

As a state within the Federation of Malaysia, Sarawak should open its doors to parties such as Umno and PAS, he said.

"Not encouraging these parties to spread their wings to Sarawak is not correct and undemocratic," he said.

He was commenting on the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that Umno was interested in spreading its wings to Sarawak but the decision on it was in the hands of the Sarawak people.

Nik Aziz said democracy meant giving the opportunity to the people to accept the policies of other parties.

On the Produa Kembara, the Menteri Besar said Kelantan was proud that Malaysia was able to build the four-wheel drive despite the present economic situation and he expressed the hope that people would give priority to locally-made goods.

The presence of Produa Kembara in Kelantan proved that the current economic situation had not affected the lifestyle of the local people as they were able to buy the car, he added.

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