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Nik Aziz-Razaleigh

KU LI'S APPOINTMENT IS NO THREAT TO PAS' HOLD ON KELANTAN

BACHOK, June 22 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today the appointment of Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah as Head of the Kelantan Umno Liaison Body is no threat to PAS in retaining power in the state.

He said this observation was based on the fact that Tengku Razaleigh was only influential before but the situation had changed where the people could make their own assessment.

"Now he (Tengku Razaleigh) himself creates problems...personal problems I don't want to mention much, but the Kelantan people know among the Kelantanese," he told reporters here.

He disclosed this when asked to comment on the appointment of Tengku Razaleigh as chairman of the Kelantan Umno Liaison Body, that is the post held for more than 10 years by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Nik Aziz, who is also chairman of the PAS council of ulamas, said however that PAS was not against Tengku Razaleigh personally but was against the Umno policy which it considered secular.

"As for Ku Li, we do not have any personal quarrel...as champions of Islam we do not quarrel on a personal basis...no matter who they are, what we oppose is the secular policy.

"If the leadership wants to change, let it be, but as long as the policy does not change we will continue to oppose, no matter who," he said.

Asked on the list of share ownership by cronies of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim which was displayed during the Umno General Assembly recently, Nik Aziz said: "I don't know about that, be they Mamat's cronies...or Salleh's cronies...that's their business...this is the party that wants to amass wealth and eventually the wealth destroys it back."

He was also asked on the comparison between Umno and PAS as outlined by the Prime Minister at the Umno general assembly.

"There is only one difference between us (PAS) and Umno, they want eleven, or twenty, or one hundred that's their business...the difference is that our foundation is Islam, its (Umno's) foundation is secular," said Nik Aziz.

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