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Mahathir-Nik Aziz

MAHATHIR'S VISIT SMOOTHENS DEMOCRATIC WAYS, SAYS NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat today held a brief four-eyed meeting here.

The 10-minute meeting, without the presence of aides, took place at the Kota Darul Naim VIP room after the prime minister was briefed on the recent floods in Kelantan as part of his one-day working visit to the state today.

When approached by reporters later, Nik Aziz declined to elaborate on the meeting, merely saying that Dr Mahathir's visit would smoothen the democracy practised in the country.

"In terms of democratic practices we indeed look forward to having such a visit. For a state run by an opposition party, a visit by a head of government with all the powers, this is indeed a big honour which merits placing on record," Nik Aziz said.

He said Dr Mahathir's visit this time around could promise glad tidings for the people of Kelantan.

"When we speak during Ramadan we are talking of a Raya gift for Kelantanese and Malaysians as a whole," said Nik Aziz while thanking the prime minister for coming.

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