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Nik Aziz: BN, Umno will cheat in polls

KOTA KINABALU, Tues. - Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat has alleged that the Barisan Nasional and Umno will cheat at the forthcoming general election.

He said his contention was based on statements by Umno leaders that Pas would be defeated at the ballot box despite the large turnouts at the party's gatherings.

"In an election there are strategies.

"In terms of turnouts at our (Pas) gatherings, we win but when it comes to polling, we might lose...this is what Umno had been saying," he said.

The Menteri Besar was speaking at a Pas gathering here last night.

Nik Aziz said a statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the coming election would be the "dirtiest" ever was another indication that the BN would cheat.

"The Prime Minister himself had said that the coming election will be the dirtiest...this should not have come from the mouth of a leader...what is dirty, only God knows," he said.

Nik Aziz advised Pas members not to be over-excited over the large crowds at the party's gatherings to the extent of ignoring what might happen at the ballot box.

He called on voters to scrutinise the electoral rolls and make objections if they find dubious names on the rolls.

"We must take time to check the electoral rolls currently on display," Nik Aziz said.

He also claimed that the people were now convinced that Pas leaders had a deeper and better understanding of Islam than Umno leaders.

"I am a religious teacher and although the knowledge I have is not that much but when compared to Umno, I think I am comparable."

On the timber concession issue in Kelantan, Nik Aziz said the Kelantan Government had no problem revealing details about the matter as Semangat 46 was once represented in the State Government.

He said former Semangat 46 State liaison committee chief Datuk Rozali Isohak, who was Kelantan Deputy Menteri Besar for some time, should have all the names of people awarded timber concessions in the State.

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