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NIK AZIZ CRITICISES BN'S MANIFESTO

GUA MUSANG, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat today ran down the Barisan Nasional's (BN) manifesto especially on the point that the world now recognises Malaysia as a model Islamic country.

He said the praises from foreign leaders who visited Malaysia were insincere and were made just to please their host.

"The foreigners' way is to say what a country wants to hear if it wants to be friends with that country. All the foreign visitors praise Kuala Lumpur when they come to the city but when they return, they sing a different tune.

"Surely when we go to a person's house we don't scold the host," the Kelantan menteri besar said after giving a ceramah in Kampung Bertama Baru, Dabong, near here.

The BN manifesto launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last night touched, among others, on the success of the federal government in developing Islam in various aspects like economy and education to the extent that Malaysia is now recognised by the Muslim world as a model country.

Nik Aziz said the foreign leaders' praises for Malaysia's success in upholding Islam were also nothing to shout about because most of them were from non-Islamic countries which did not know about the true Islam.

He denied allegations that PAS could not set up a good and efficient government saying that if the people gave PAS and the opposition coalition which calls itself the Alternative Front to form the federal government, it could do more good than the BN government.

He said, for example, that before PAS ruled Kelantan, everyone had said that it did not know how to rule, but now that it had, it was accepted by the majority of the people.

On Umno's claim that PAS was prepared to work with the devil to form an Islamic government, Nik Aziz said it was Umno that was working with the devil.

He said the federal government's extravagance had resulted in the privatisation of all services to the people like schools and universities at the expense of the people because it wanted to make quick profit.

Nik Aziz also urged the people to reject Kelantan Umno liaison chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah who he said did not have an objective because he was prepared to rejoin Umno after setting up Parti Melayu Semangat 46.

He said Tengku Razaleigh's name was now "spoilt" and he could no longer be believed in.

He described Tengku Razaleigh as a good driver who did not know the way, as a result of which the people did want to use his service.

Dabong is one of the state seats in the Gua Musang parliamentary constituency which Tengku Razaleigh is contesting in the Nov 29 general election.

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