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NIK AZIZ SHOULDN'T SEEK RE-ELECTION, SAYS RAZALEIGH

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Umno chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat should not seek re-election in the coming general election if he respects the opposition front's common manifesto.

Razaleigh said the manifesto of the Barisan Alternatif (comprising PAS, DAP, Parti Keadilan Nasional and Parti Rakyat Malaysia) pledged among others to limit the term of menteri besar to two terms.

"In Kelantan, the PAS menteri besar has already held the post for two terms since 1990. Therefore, if it (PAS) really abides by the pledge it will change the menteri besar should it receive the people's support in the coming general election," he said.

Razaleigh told reporters this after a meeting with officials of the Kemubu Agriculture Development Authority (Kada).

On the Kelantan sultan's opening addresss at the State Legislative Assembly on Monday, he said the ruler had expressed regret over the lack of economic development in the state.

Razaleigh said it was too late for the PAS state government to improve the economic conditions in the state because investors who were previously willing to invest in the state were no longer interested.

"I feel the PAS government need not correct things. It is the people who can put things right by rejecting PAS," he said.

Meanwhile Kada chairman Tan Sri Hussein Ahmad said in his speech at the meeting that the agency's 1,300 personnel stood firmly behind the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The meeting was the first since Razaleigh's appointment as state Umno chief.

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