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NIK AZIZ SHOULD PRACTICE HEALTHY POLITICS

KOTA BAHARU, July 6 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has been asked to practice healthy politics as in his position as an ulama, his pronouncements could influence the public.

Kelantan Barisan Nasional (BN) secretary Datuk Mohamed Ariffin Abdul Hamid said Nik Aziz, who is also the PAS council of ulamas chief, should not make statements based on his emotions.

"His accusation that Umno has elements of infidelity could confuse Muslims and cause Umno supporters to feel slighted," he told Bernama here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has described the accusation by Nik Aziz as a lie.

Mohamed Ariffin, the Pengkalan Chepa Umno division chief, said the statement by Nik Aziz showed the PAS leader did not have a firm stand.

"Nik Aziz previously praised the Prime Minister as a good leader but with the general election around the corner, he has changed his tune with a totally different statement," he said.

Mohamed Ariffin also said Kelantan Umno liaison committee chairman Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah should ignore the challenge issued by PAS vice president Mustafa Ali to debate the promise to allocate the Kelantan deputy menteri besar post to the now defunct Parti Melayu Semangat 46 after the 1990 general election.

"Datuk Fadzil Noor (PAS president) should instead accept the dare to swear by the Quran that PAS has never made such a promise to Semangat 46," he said.

Mohamed Ariffin said PAS should first accept the challenge issued by Tengku Razaleigh before it could challenge Tengku Razaleigh to a debate.

PAS vice president Mustafa, who yesterday claimed he was directly involved in discussions on the deputy menteri besar's post, said PAS had never promised Semangat 46 the post when both were in the Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah.

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