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Nik Aziz: Visit will improve relations

KOTA BARU, Thurs. - Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat today expressed confidence that the visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Kelantan would improve relations between Pas and Umno.

He said it was an honour for Kelantan, which is under the opposition party, to have the Prime Minister visit the State.

He also regarded Dr Mahathir's visit as being able to strengthen the country's democracy.

"All this while, we (Pas and Umno) are always at logger-heads and this to me does not reflect democracy at all," he said.

Nik Aziz, who is also the head of Pas consultative council, said this after a meeting with Dr Mahathir at Kota Darulnaim today.

Dr Mahathir, who is on a day-long working visit to Kelantan, had a meeting with Nik Aziz for about 10 minutes after attending a briefing by State Secretary Datuk Wan Hashim Wan Daud at the State Operations Room.

It was the Prime Minister's first visit to Kota Darulnaim which houses the State Secretariat.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were met on arrival at Kota Darulnaim by Nik Aziz and his wife Datin Tuan Sabariah Tuan Ishak, State Executive Councillors and members of the State Flood Committee.

Nik Aziz, however, declined to elaborate on the matters discussed with Dr Mahathir at the meeting.

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