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Nik Aziz-Kelantan

NO NEED FOR FEDERAL GOVT TO WREST KELANTAN - NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, July 23 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today it was not necessary for the federal government to wrest Kelantan from PAS as it already had a Federal Development Department in the state.

Besides that, it also has two Kelantan-born Cabinet Ministers -- Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa.

"What more they want, even if Umno were to take over the state, it is going to be the same," he told reporters when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's announcement yesterday that the Barisan Nasional's mission was to recapture Kelantan from PAS in the upcoming general election.

He had said the people of Kelantan have long suffered under PAS' inefficient administration.

Nik Aziz said the federal government could channel as much funds as possible to develop Kelantan through the department.

Nik Aziz said if Umno at the helm of the federal government wanted to take over the state, PAS also intend to "seize" the federal capital of Kuala Lumpur.

On the suggestion by certain groups that it was suitable for ulamas to stay in the huts to teach Islam, Nik Aziz said that suggestion came from the British colonialists and not from Prophet Muhammad.

He said there was no suitable people to lead the human beings in the world except the ulamas because they learn about the one and only God.

They also study Islamic theology covering law and economics besides Islamic mysticism which cleanses oneself from ill-feelings such as jealousy, cursing and pitting one another, he added.

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