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TRYING TO BE FAIR TO LESS PRETTY WOMEN, SAYS NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, July 20 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today that he was only trying to be fair to women not endowed with looks when he discouraged the recruitment of pretty women in state government departments.

"Pretty women have already been endowed with looks. They usually end up having rich husbands.

It's the women who don't have the looks that we should give a little help. We give them jobs, so they can have money. We hope they will get good husbands too," he said when asked to elaborate on his statement in the state legislative assembly yesterday.

Nik Aziz, in reply to Datuk Mohd Rozali Isohak (BN-Dabong), said that he had told his officers who conducted interviews to employ less beautiful women.

Asked whether pretty women shouldn't be working then, Nik Aziz said: "It's no that. If she doesn't work, she will be all right because she usually has a husband who is good and rich."

"If she doesn't have the looks, she has the money, then the looks, then a good husband with plenty of money," he said.

Asked what happened if she could not find a good and rich husband, Nik Aziz said: "Then, it's fated."

Nik Aziz also refused to comment on the challenge by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that he would not defend his Kubang Pasu seat if Nik Aziz could prove his claim that the Quran contained the profane words used in Datuk Shanon Ahmad's controversial political satire "Shit".

He said he would make his reply in his political ceramah in Tumpat, here tonight.

"I have a ceramah in Tumpat. I'll reply tonight," he said.

Meanwhile, Kelantan PAS Information Chief Abdul Fatah Harun said the party would distribute leaflets containing Quranic verses and their translations where these profanities were used.

The leaflets would be distributed in a PAS ceramah on July 25 at the Stadium Sultan Mohamad IV and attended by PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor, deputy president Abdul Hadi Awang and Nik Aziz.

Abdul Fatah said the leaflets would also be sent to the Prime Minister's Department and Umno ulamas.

"We're doing this not to ask the Prime Minister to withdraw but to show that it exists (in the Quran)," he said.

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