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NIK AZIZ MUST RESPECT THE LAW, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

PETALING JAYA, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat must respect the law and regulations in his actions, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

Malaysia being a country that upheld the rule of law, nobody was above it, he said when commenting on the challenge by Nik Aziz to the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (JAIS) to state the offence he had committed when giving a religious talk in a surau in Selangor.

Nik Aziz was reported to have said that if the department failed to do so, he would continue to give talks in the state.

JAIS Director Mansur Ramli had said that he would seek the advice of the State Legal Adviser to determine the form of action that could be taken against Nik Aziz for defying the Selangor government's directive to ban political ceramahs in mosques and suraus in the state.

Dr Mahathir said Nik Aziz must be prepared to face the action if it was proven that he had broken the law.

" But when the government wanted to enforce the law, some people would demonstrate.

" To them, the law can be enforced on others but not on them," he added.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, opened the Umno Civil Action Bureau service centre at the Sungai Way Free Trade Zone.

The bureau is headed by the party's supreme council member Azalina Othman Said, a lawyer.

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