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Khair-Nik Aziz

NIK AZIZ WARNED OF LEGAL ACTION IF HE DEFIES BAN AGAIN

SHAH ALAM, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The Selangor Government has threatened to take legal action against Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat if he again defies its order prohibiting him from delivering ceramahs at mosques in the state.

"We can take him to court if we have enough proof that he had defied the ban once again," Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Mohamed Khir Toyo said today.

He said the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) could institute legal proceedings against him or anyone else under Section 14 of the Selangor Syariah Crimes Enactment 1995 for delivering ceramahs at mosques in the state without getting a credential from the department.

Mohamed Khir was speaking to reporters after hosting a private birthday party for his son Muhamad Fareezul Faiss, who turned nine today. Over 200 people, including close relatives and 40 orphans, attended the party at his official residence.

Asked if action would be taken against Nik Aziz for defying the ban and speaking at a surau in Selangor recently, Mohamed Khir said the Selangor Government wanted to be considerate towards the Kelantan Menteri Besar who is also PAS' spiritual adviser.

He added that the Selangor Government also did not want to be hasty in taking action against him.

On an opposition gathering planned for in Jalan Kebun in Klang on Nov 5 night, Mohamed Khir said he would leave the matter to police.

It was learnt that about 100,000 opposition members planned to take part in the gathering to protest against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's leadership.

On the call by the Terengganu Government to government servants who opposed it to resign, he said the Selangor Government too could impose such a condition on PAS-supporting government servants in Selangor.

He said an arrangement like swapping supporters on a mutual basis could be worked out.

The Selangor Government was willing to accept government servants asked to resign provided the Terengganu Government took back PAS supporters from Selangor, he added.

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