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No move to limit holding of office to two terms

THE Government has no plans to restrict the length of service of Prime Ministers, Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers to only two terms.

The country and the people would be the one to lose if such a system was introduced as capable leaders would have to be replaced when their terms expired, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister's Department Noh Omar said.

Replying to Mat Basir Rahmat (Pas-Parit), he criticised the party for making the proposal but failing to enforce it in Pas-ruled Kelantan where Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat was now into his third term as Menteri Besar.

"When it concerns them, they say Nik Aziz's two terms should not be counted as the proposal to limit the length of service was made only recently," he said, adding that this was a clear proof of the party's inconsistency.

To Mat Basir's claim that the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been rejected by the people because of the declining support from the Malays in the recent general election, Noh said: "Who says the people have rejected the Government when the BN has been returned with a two-thirds majority."

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