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Court-Nik Adli

COURT DISMISSES HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION FOR NIK ADLI'S RELEASE

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 4 (Bernama) -- The High Court here today dismissed the application for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of the Kelantan Menteri Besar's son, Nik Adli Nik Abdul Aziz, who was arrested by the police under the Internal Security Act (ISA).

Justice Datuk Suriyadi Halim Omar, in dismissing the application, said that the arrest of Nik Adli under the ISA was in accordance with the law.

The police had furnished adequate grounds for the arrest of Nik Adli as reflected in the affidavits filed by Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai who was named as respondent in the application.

Justice Suriyadi said that the action of the police in arresting Nik Adli was not mala fide as the grounds for his arrest had been adequately explained.

He said that the ISA was not restricted to curbing communist activities but also applicable to parties posing a threat to national security.

Nik Adli, 34, the fourth child of Menteri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat is now detained under Section 8(1) of the ISA at the Kamunting detention centre.

The detention order signed by Home Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was issued on Sept 24.

Nik Adli, a teacher at Sekolah Menengah Agama Darul Anwar in Pulau Melaka here was arrested by police under Section 73(1) of the ISA at the Kelantan police contingent headquarters on Aug 4 to facilitate police investigations into the activities of the Kumpulan Militan Malaysia (KMM). He is said to be the head of the KMM.

The application for the writ of habeas corpus for Nik Adli's release was supported by four affidavits including one by his wife, Sles Monira Sles Math, and another by the principal of Sekolah Menengah Agama Darul Anwar, Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz.

Norian filed 11 affidavits including one by the Home Minister.

Nik Adli was represented by Sulaiman Abdullah, Zamani Ibrahim, Ahmad Lutfi Awang, Fariz Irwan Mustafa and Mohamed Hanif Idris while Norian was represented by Senior Deputy Public Prosecutor Mohamed Yusof Zainal Abidin and Deputy Public Prosecutor Tun Abdul Majid Tun Hamzah.

Sulaiman and Zamani were present at today's proceedings while Deputy Public Prosecutor Mohamed Dusuki Mokhtar appeared for Norian.

Later, Zamani filed an appeal against the court's decision to the Federal Court.

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