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LET COURT DETERMINE VALIDITY OF AMENDMENTS, SAYS NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has asked Kelantan Umno to bring the issue of the Kelantan State Constitutional amendments to court if it doubts their legality.

He said it was the responsibility of the state government to amend the Constitution to streamline it with similar amendments made at the federal level in 1983.

"I urge them to bring this case to court...I also want to know because some say they (amendments) are valid while others say otherwise," he told reporters at his office here today.

He was commenting on Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah's statement yesterday that Umno was prepared to discuss with anyone including PAS the issue of the Constitutional amendments.

The amendments to curtail the powers of the Sultan were approved by the State Assembly last June 25 but are still awaiting royal assent. Certain quarters have questioned the validity of the amendments.

Nik Aziz said PAS would not discuss this matter with Umno because the time for such discussions was over.

On the issue of Islamic state, Nik Aziz said as far as PAS was concerned only an administration based on the Quran and Hadis could qualify as an Islamic state.

He said this when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that Malaysia has been recognised as an Islamic country.

Asked on Afghan Ambassador to Malaysia Abdul Sattar Murad's revelation that several Malaysian student groups in Pakistan had received military training from the Taleban, Nik Aziz said: "They went to help the Afghan people fight Russia."

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