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Nik Aziz agrees with proposed agenda

KOTA BARU, Fri. - Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today the agenda proposed by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the Malay unity talks would bring good to all quarters.

He agreed that the issues to protect Malay rights, Islam as the official religion and Bahasa Malaysia as the national language, were a common ground for Pas and Umno.

Nik Abdul Aziz, who is also Pas spiritual leader (Mursyidul Am) said this after today's prayers at the Kampung Tanjung Baru mosque near Pantai Cahaya Bulan here when asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's statement yesterday on the proposed Malay unity talks.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir called for a Press conference at his office in Putrajaya to specifically explain Umno's stand on the Malay unity talks.

He said that the talks with Pas was to establish a common ground to protect Malay rights, Islam as the official religion, Bahasa Malaysia as the national language and the special position of the Malay Rulers.

He said the proposed talks had nothing to do with getting Pas to join Umno or the Barisan Nasional.

Dr Mahathir said, certain quarters had been making attempts to challenge the special position of the Malays possibly because they perceived the Malays to be politically split and lacking a common stand.

Owing to this, Dr Mahathir said, he hoped Umno and Pas would be able to stand together to defend their rights.

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