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PAS HAS TO FOLLOW UP CALLS ON BOYCOTT WITH ACTIONS, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that it is not enough for PAS to just issue a statement calling on PAS members to stop the boycott of Umno members as this needs to be seen to be done.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said that Umno would observe whether or not the call by PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, who is also Kelantan Menteri Besar, was heeded by PAS members.

"Let's see...sometimes Nik Aziz makes really good statements but we would like to see whether or not this is followed up by actions," he told reporters at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) base in Subang near here on his return from Dubai.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on the statement by Nik Abdul Aziz yesterday calling on PAS members to stop the boycott of Umno members as it will not benefit PAS.

According to Nik Abdul Aziz, boycotts are not in line with Islamic teachings.

Dr Mahathir said it was easy to issue such statements but what needs to be seen was that this was practised.

"It's easy to say but we would like to see its practice, whether PAS members will still boycott Umno members, praying with another imam leading them, burying the dead at different graveyards, refusing to allow marriages to Umno members...we will observe all these," he said.

Dr Mahathir was also asked whether Umno members could visit the homes of PAS members following the statement by Nik Aziz that he had ceased observing the boycott by visiting the homes of Umno members.

"Umno, we've never imposed curbs...we do go (but) they do not appear to be too happy," he said.

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