

Pas supports PM's meeting with the Pope

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KOTA BARU, Mon. — Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat today welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's meeting with Pope John Paul II next month and hoped the opportunity would be used to clarify various issues on Islam.

Nik Aziz said there was no prohibition in Islam for Muslim leaders to meet with leaders of other religions.

"I have myself visited Buddhist temples twice after taking office," he told reporters at his residence in Pulau Melaka here when commenting on reports that Dr Mahathir had accepted the invitation of the Pope for a meeting in the Vatican City next month.

Dr Mahathir is expected to meet the head of the Roman Catholic Church before his official visit to Switzerland and Luxembourg from June 9 to 12.

Nik Aziz said both leaders should also use the meeting to address the problems faced by both religions, especially misunderstandings about Islam.