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PM: We can act against Nik Aziz

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Action will be taken against Pas leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat if he refuses to repent for making remarks linking Allah to samseng (thug), Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said Umno had every right to take action against those who insulted the religion and God and who touched on the Muslim faith.

"Nik Aziz's remarks were supported by Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and the Muslim Scholars Association of Malaysia."

"We feel that he had gone overboard when he made such a remark which had insulted Allah by describing Him as a bigger gangster, crook and liar compared to all others," he said.

"This is beyond politics and as he has gone on to insult Islam and God, we are very serious about this and will not hesitate to take action," Dr Mahathir said after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting at Menara Dato Onn here today.

Dr Mahathir said Umno would pursue the matter so that action would be taken against Nik Aziz and others who had followed suit in insulting Allah.

The issue started on July 31 when Nik Aziz defended his statement that Allah was a greater gangster than any other gangster in the world based on His three attributes - Al-Mutakabbi, Al-Jabbar and Al-Muttaqin.