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Kelantan-Assembly (Nik Aziz)

ALL WOMEN IN KELANTAN ARE BEAUTIFUL- NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 18 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat who had previously said that the state government will give priority to women who were not pretty in employment today asserted that all Kelantan women are beautiful.

Speaking in the State Assembly, he said Kelantan did not prohibit women from working and stressed that all Kelantan women were cute and had special features.

The move by the "opposition party" to attack PAS over its stance on this matter showed it was desperate.

"The campaign through the TV showed they had no energy... and the people are inclined to like us more and more."

"There is no woman who is not cute in her own way," he said when winding up the debate on the Third Supplementary Supply Enactment.

Hence there was no question of women being beautiful and not being so, he said.

He claimed that false accusations against PAS did not affect the people's support for it.

The Bill was later passed.

Nik Aziz at the Kelantan State Assembly session on July 19, 1999, stated that the state government would only recruit women whom he categorised as "kurang rupawan" (not pretty).

Following strong reaction to his statement, the Menteri Besar the following day explained that his statement was aimed at giving justice to women.

"It is like this... Allah had bestowed beauty on women and those with beauty usually got rich husbands and hence women who are not beautiful we have to consider them for some money...we given them job so that they will get money...hopefully they will also get good husbands."

"They do not have good looks but at least they will have money....those with good looks will have good, rich husbands. This is justice."

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also commented on the issue and said the PAS move was unfair and amounted to penalising women and denying them a livelihood because Allah had given them beauty.

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