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Businessman lodges report against Nik Aziz for slander

BACHOK, Mon. - A businessman has lodged a police report against Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat claiming the Kelantan Menteri Besar had accused Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of not knowing how to recite the Quran.

Mohd Zain Yasim, 37, filed the report at the district police station at 5.40pm yesterday.

He also handed over to the police a cassette said to contain the recording of a ceramah by Nik Aziz at Sekolah Menengah Agama Arab Beris Lalang, near here, at about 11pm on Saturday where the Pas spiritual leader had allegedly passed the remarks.

Mohd Zain said he did the recording of Nik Aziz's speech himself.

"In his ceramah, Nik Aziz had claimed that Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, had in his winding-up speech during the Umno general assembly said that he did not know how to recite the Quran and so, he could not argue with those who are well-versed," he said.

Mohd Zain said he was a delegate at the general assembly and at no time had Dr Mahathir made such a statement during his speech.

He said Nik Aziz's remarks was a slander, aimed at ruining Dr Mahathir's good name.

Acting district police chief Assistant Superintendent Hafik Jabil confirmed receiving the report.

He said the case would be investigated under the Penal Code.