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Nik Aziz-Bunyamin

COOPERATE WITH POLICE, NIK AZIZ TELLS BUNYAMIN

KOTA BAHARU, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- PAS member Bunyamin Yaakob should come forward and cooperate with police in the investigation against him over remarks about Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, party spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today.

Nik Aziz said it was improper for Bunyamin to go into hiding and keep quiet while police were looking for him.

"He must come forward. To stay away is a sign that we are guilty," he told reporters here.

Nik Aziz, who is Kelantan Menteri Besar, was asked to comment on state CID chief ACP Abdul Rahim Jani's statement yesterday that police were still trying to record a statement from Bunyamin.

Abdul Rahim said police had gone to his two houses in Bachok but were told that he was not at home.

Bunyamin, 56, a former MP for Bachok, allegedly made the remarks while giving a ceramah in Pengkalan Chepa here on March 15.

He is alleged to have said that Dr Mahathir had watched pornographic videos with his grandchildren.

Three police reports have been lodged against him, one each in Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu; Pasir Mas, Kelantan; and Baling, Kedah.

Police are investigating the case under Section 4 (1) (b) of the Sedition Act which provides for up to five years in jail or a fine, or both, on conviction.

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