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`Nik Aziz confused over Islamic State issue'

PENANG, Sun. - Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has gotten himself `confused' over the Islamic State issue, Information Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Senator Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said today.

"I am not at all surprised by his claims. I am sure Nik Aziz is not aware of what he is saying," Zainuddin said when asked to comment on the Pas leader's statement yesterday.

Nik Aziz had yesterday likened Malaysia to instant mee and instant curry puffs, saying it had been made into a `negara Islam segera' (instant Islamic State) because the Government had, out of the blue, declared it to be one, although its administration was not run according to the Quran and Hadis.

"Malaysia has long been an Islamic State although it has never been openly announced by the Prime Minister," Zainuddin told a Press conference after opening the Persatuan Melayu Tanjong (Permata) annual general meeting here this morning.

"I guess now is the right time for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to make an official announcement on Malaysia being an Islamic State."

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