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NIK AZIZ WANTS GOV'T TO BOYCOTT AMERICAN AND ISRAELI GOODS

KOTA BAHARU, May 9 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has suggested that Malaysia take the lead by boycotting certain goods produced by the United States (US) and Israel in protest against the atrocities committed on the Palestinians.

He said the boycott was better compared to the verbal protests and in fact such action could be emulated by other countries including Asean members and Europe to pressure the Israeli regime which were taking excessive actions against the Palestinians.

"Boycotting their goods is better than (verbal) protests. This is because of the fact that even protests by the United Nations (UN), which is a bigger entity than Malaysia, have been ignored," he told reporters here today.

He said the international community had also shown a change in attitude when they began to openly criticise the atrocities committed by Israel which was being supported by the US.

Nik Aziz also welcomed the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Umno and PAS set aside the differences in their political ideologies in facing Islam's enemies, namely Israel.

When delivering his speech at the forum "Palestine and Humanity" in Kuala Lumpur last night, which was also participated by PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor and several senior party leaders, Dr Mahathir asked Umno and PAS to unite at least in tackling the Israel-Palestine issue.

Nik Aziz hoped that such a meeting would be repeated to include other matters which concerned national interest.

"I'm extremely happy, and I can't find any word to describe the meeting between the two (party) presidents. This is a good sign that the Malays, under whatever circumstances, can be united," he said.

Earlier, Nik Aziz presented compensation cheques worth RM82,000 from Takaful Malaysia to two widows of Air Kelantan Sdn Bhd (AKSB), who died in March.

The AKSB employees, Mohd Jasmee Othman and Jahari @ Abu Hassan Saat were killed after a crane fell on them while cleaning the AKSB plant at Air Lanas in Jeli.

Mohd Jasmee's widow, Siti Sara Abdul Razak, 29, received RM44,280 compensation while Jahari's widow, Rohani Hamat received RM37,728 under the Takaful Group Insurance Scheme.

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