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Nik Aziz: We're asking for commitment

KOTA BARU, Sat. - Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said the party had never taught its members to be obsessed with the party or its leaders.

He said what Pas was asking from members was their iltizam (commitment) to the struggle of the party.

"This is different from obsession," he said, adding it was Umno members who were obsessed with their leaders.

Nik Aziz said Umno members still wanted the same person to lead the party although he had admitted in tears that he had failed.

He was commenting on a statement on Thursday by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who called on the Muslim society to reject attempts by Pas to deviate them from the true teachings of Islam.

Dr Mahathir said Pas had in fact adopted the outlawed Al-Arqam movement's strategies to influence its supporters and symphatisers.

The Prime Minister said although Pas' teachings differed from that of the deviationist movement, the main aim of the Opposition party was to get its followers to be obsessed with the party and its leaders.