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Nik Aziz: We made use of Keadilan

KOTA BARU, Mon. - Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat today admitted Pas had used Parti Keadilan Nasional to gain popularity, adding its Islamic concept allowed it to work with other parties.

He said it was Pas' policy to work with any party that was willing to accept it as the matter had been resolved years ago.

"Just like Umno using MCA, we also know how to use other parties. Pas makes use of Keadilan, Keadilan makes use of Pas.

"The Islamic concept does not prohibit us from banding together with other parties and we accept anybody who wants to work with us. This had been decided since we formed the coalition State government (in Kelantan)," he told reporters here today.

The Menteri Besar was commenting on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that Keadilan's defeat in the Indera Kayangan by-election showed that Pas could no longer use Keadilan to gain popularity.

The Prime Minister had stated it was because of Keadilan that Pas had managed to win more seats in the 1999 general election to the extent that it (Pas) has replaced DAP as the main opposition party.

On whether the defeat will mean the end for Keadilan, Nik Aziz said there was still a future for the party.

"It might look bleak now but there will be sunshine again. It is normal in this world to have day and night. Keadilan's future is in other people's hands," he added.

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