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NIK AZIZ PREPARED TO APOLOGISE TO DR MAHATHIR

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today that he is prepared to make a public apology to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad following his admission in making a mistake in his allegation against the prime minister.

Nik Aziz, who is PAS spiritual leader, said that he would make his apology over his allegation that Dr Mahathir does not know how to recite the Quran, at a ceramah and hoped that the media would cover the event.

"I (Nik Aziz) made it (mistake) in a ceramah and my apology will also be made at a ceramah," he told reporters after a mass special prayer followed by the dawn prayer at the Kelantan Islamiah Tarbiyah Centre in Pengkalan Chepa here.

Nik Aziz was commenting on the persuasion by several parties including Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday for him to apologise to the prime minister after having admitted his mistake.

Last Wednesday, Nik Aziz was reported to have said that what he meant to say was that Dr Mahathir did not know Arabic and that the mistake was due to a slip of the tongue.

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