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Nik Aziz: Just a slip of the tongue

PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat yesterday said it was a slip of the tongue which made him say that that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had admitted to not knowing how to recite the Quran.

He said what he had wanted to say was that Dr Mahathir did not know Arabic.

Speaking after chairing the State Executive Council meeting, Nik Aziz, who is Kelantan Menteri Besar, said:

"It was a slip of the tongue. I thought of something else but something else came out of my mouth. Today, I want to correct what I have said, from the Prime Minister not knowing how to recite the Quran to not knowing Arabic."

He said the question whether he would co-operate with the police did not arise as a clarification on the matter had been made.

On Sunday, businessman Mohd Zain Yassim, 37, lodged a report at the Bachok police station against Nik Aziz for his remarks accusing Dr Mahathir of not knowing how to recite the Quran.