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DR M: NIK AZIZ'S REWARDS FROM GOD STATEMENT DANGEROUS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 24 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today it was dangerous to Muslims the statement by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat that Kelantan people who voted in PAS to power in the 1990 general election stand to gain rewards from GOD.

The prime minister, however, said PAS had never bothered whether it was dangerous or not because the party was more interested in getting the people's support through its claims.

"He is talking as though he is GOD. He knows where to place someone, whether a person will enter heaven or hell. How he knows, what mandate has he got," he told a media conference after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting.

Nik Aziz, who is also PAS's spiritual adviser, was reported to have said in Kota Baharu yesterday that Kelantan people who voted for the party in the 1990 general election stand to gain rewards from GOD.

Nik Aziz had said those who voted for the party would receive rewards as PAS had shown to the international society that Kelantan is being governed based on Islamic tenets as exhorted by God.

Commenting on Nik Aziz's statement, Dr Mahathir said cynically: "Yes, they have received rewards. We've seen development in Kelantan and many more proofs that it's an Islamic state, it's only that now there's more in Kelantan than other states. Go and see for yourself."

PAS deputy president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, when asked to comment on the statement, said today Nik Aziz's statement was the party's stand and not an individual's opinion.

Hadi, who is also Terengganu Menteri Besar, however, said the reward would depend on the voters' intentions like if the voters thought of Islam, they would receive the rewards.

"Only God knows the intentions of a person and it must be in line with the practices of Islamic principles," he said.

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