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DPM: Nik Aziz's action improper

reports on "Anak Bukit and Pendang by-elections" by Zubaidah Abu ALOR STAR, Fri. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said it was not proper for Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat to defend Pas leader Mohamad Sabu who uttered profanities against the Prime Minister.

He said this was because such action contradicted Islamic teachings, which called for people to do good things.

"The words uttered by someone will show whether that person is a Muslim.

"This is because the religion teaches us to be always polite," he said, adding that he was amazed that Nik Aziz actually defended Mohamad, who is a Pas central committee member.

Mohamad had uttered the profanities against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a ceramah recently.

Nik Aziz had said Mohamad would continue to curse and swear (maki hamun) Umno leaders who failed to admit their mistakes against Pas.

Speaking after launching the Barisan Nasional youth motorcycle brigade for the Anak Bukit by-election at Kampung Alor Madi, Abdullah said Umno leaders had not wronged anyone.

"It is they (Pas) who have done us wrong. We, in the Government, are only doing what we believe to be right for the people and country.

"Pas has chosen to oppose us and is teaching people not to be thankful for all the blessings they receive."

Abdullah, who is Umno president, dismissed Pas' claims that any Government in power would be able to do what the BN had been doing, making references to the lack of development and poor administration in Kelantan and Terengganu.

He said the only reason Pas had won the two States was its promise to form an Islamic Government. But until today, there was nothing to prove that Pas had been able to bring any development or progress to the Muslims there.

"So this is actually proof of Pas' failure.

"Its leaders only go round saying things about others with the hope that people would be taken in by such lies... as though we are always wrong and Pas is right," he said.

Later, Abdullah went on a house-to-house campaign in Taman Aman and Kampung Seberang Bukit.

He was accompanied by the Barisan Nasional candidate for Anak Bukit, Datuk Zakaria Said, Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain, Malacca and Penang Chief Ministers Datuk Wira Ali Rustam and Tan Sri Koh Tsu Khoon and Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib.

He made stop-overs at a Kemas kindergarten where he signed a visitors' log book with the words Pastikan BN Menang (Ensure BN's Victory).

The campaign rounds provided an opportunity for residents to shake hands with him. Some took the chance to pose for photographs.

He also stopped by the Pas operation centre in Kampung Seberang Anak Bukit and chatted with campaign workers.