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Pas members are never taught to go overboard, says Nik Aziz

KOTA BARU, Sun. - Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said the party had never taught its members to go overboard in their action.

He said those who were not courteous and went beyond religious limitations were just gelap mata (uncomprehending).

"For that matter, whether Pas or Umno, it is wrong to be extreme in whatever we do. But on the other hand, it is only natural for human beings to react."

Nik Aziz said Pas taught its members to exercise patience.

"Sometimes, they listen to us while at other times, they become gelap mata," he said at his office today.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said on Friday that it was not proper for Nik Aziz to defend Pas central committee member Mohamad Sabu who uttered profanities against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Nik Aziz, who is Kelantan Menteri Besar, described the use of harsh words as "spare parts" when other legitimate ways did not bring the desired effects.

"Like I have said, it is human nature to react.

"Curses and swear words are only used as the last resort."

He said until those at the receiving end showed their sensitivity, Pas would continue to employ this method to raise their awareness.

"Don't ask me to advise Pas members only. Umno leaders must also think why Pas members have resorted to this.

"Pas members would not have used harsh words if Umno leaders had taken note from the very beginning what they had said."