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Nik Aziz-Kindergartens

PAS TO EXPEL KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS FOR INSTIGATING YOUNG CHILDREN

PASIR MAS, Jan 22 (Bernama) -- PAS is prepared to dismiss teachers working in the party-run kindergartens if they are proven to be involved in inciting hatred among pre-schoolers against the government and certain leaders, Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today.

He said teachers in PAS-sponsored kindergartens are entrusted with the task of teaching young children to read, write and to know GOD.

"If it's true that there are teachers instigating children to hate others, we also object to that and are ready to remove them," Nik Aziz, who is also PAS's Spiritual Adviser, told reporters at Pondok Lubuk Tapah here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday the government might close down all PAS-sponsored kindergartens to prevent them from further spreading politics among their charges.

He had said the relevant authorities would be asked to look into existing legislations to see if the kindergartens have run foul of any law.

In the absence of solid proof, any attempt to stop PAS from running the kindergartens would be for political interest and to mislead the people, he said.

"The government should instead be thankful to those who run classes for children as it indirectly eases the government's burden," he added.

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