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PAS to continue collecting funds

KOTA BARU, Fri. - Pas will continue soliciting funds for the People's Religious Schools (sekolah agama rakyat, or SAR) despite a warning by the Government that action will be taken against anyone doing so.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today the matter would be solved if the Government continued to give aid to the schools.

He was responding to a warning issued by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the matter.

Nik Aziz, who is the party's spiritual guide, was speaking at his official residence here.

On claims that the funds were going to the Opposition party's election coffers, he said it was willing to have its accounts audited to show that the collection was not misused.

Pas launched its national-level campaign three weeks ago and has raised more than RM100,000 in donations.