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## **Mustapa thanks Nik Aziz for his statement**

**PETALING JAYA:** Kelantan Umno liaison committee chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed has expressed his appreciation to Kelantan Mentri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat for his statement of thanks to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mustapa said he was thanking Nik Aziz for two reasons.

One was that Nik Aziz knew "how to say thank you" to the country's leader.

"All this while, PAS leaders have taught their followers to be grateful and thankful only to Allah SWT and not people. This is a positive development," he said in a statement yesterday.

Another reason, Mustapa said, was that the thanks to Dr Mahathir for helping to solve Kelantan's water woes and other projects proved that the Federal Government had not neglected its responsibilities to a state ruled by the opposition.

"YAB Datuk Nik Aziz's speech is an open confession that the Federal Government is not making Kelantan a stepchild," he added.

Nik Aziz had thanked Dr Mahathir in his speech during the 2004 state Budget.

Mustapa said the statement would open the eyes of the people in the state, especially PAS followers and supporters.

He said that PAS followers and supporters would realise the Prime Minister's contributions to the country and the people.