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Nik Aziz-Mahathir

NIK AZIZ THANKS DR M FOR LIBERAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat today thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who retires on Friday, for displaying liberal leadership towards Kelantan which is led by an opposition party.

"In this august House, it gives me great pleasure to express thanks to the Right Honourable Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who God willing will retire on Oct 31, 2003, for displaying liberal leadership towards the state of Kelantan which is led by an opposition party," he said when tabling the State Budget for next year in the State Assembly.

All members of the House thumped their desks in support of the Menteri Besar's remarks.

Nik Aziz said that he was also grateful to Dr Mahathir for helping Kelantan and resolving problems relating to water supply and several other projects.

Speaking to reporters outside the House, Nik Aziz acknowledged Dr Mahathir as a leader who worked hard day and night without any rest.

"Such virtues should be found in all leaders and this I have mentioned umpteen times... Dr Mahathir is wise in his work."

Nik Aziz said he would attend the ceremony at which Dr Mahathir will hand over the Central Government to his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"Even though I have a tight schedule, I will definitely attend," he added.

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