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Nik Aziz-PAS

PAS IS USING RELIGION TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES, SAYS NIK AZIZ

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today that PAS purposely used religion to achieve its objective to set up an Islamic state in Malaysia.

He said it was not wrong to use religion for the party's struggle because Prophet Muhammad also used it to advance Islam's cause.

"Prophet Muhammad made use religion and if Prophet Muhammad used religion, then those who don't make use of religion are people who are stupid, wrong and lost," he told reporters after opening a seminar on women, here.

Nik Aziz said this when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that PAS was using religion to fish for votes from the Muslims and was not sincere about setting up an Islamic state.

He said PAS' struggle for Islam in the country was consistent and involved two matters -- spiritual and physical education.

"As long as the world is secular, Umno secular, the world will never be safe because this secular system involves only the body, not the soul," he said.

He said PAS was only an instrument for Islam's struggle.

Asked about media reports today that smoking among women is on the rise, Nik Aziz, who is Kelantan Menteri Besar, said it was the "crazy work" of women.

No one, including men, should smoke because it had been proven by health experts to be a habit that could damage the health, he said.

He said women should not be smoking just to show that they were equal to men because each sex had its own strength and role.

"Women who want to be like men are trying to go against God and order of things," he said.

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