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Express anti-war views to US citizens, says Kelantan MB

KOTA BARU, Wed. - Malaysians should express their anti-war views especially to the American people, then maybe they can help force the US Government to change its decision to go to war with Iraq, said Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat.

Nik Aziz said he agreed with the views of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that public opinion might force the US not to go to war as it had helped to end the Vietnam War.

"Malaysians can only pray (that the war will not materialise). It is hoped that the Americans will rise and fight against their Government as they did during the Vietnam War," he told reporters at his office today.

Nik Aziz, who is also Pas spiritual leader, said the growing number of Americans who felt that the US should not go to war might influence their Government as it was their children who would be fighting the war.

In another development, Nik Aziz said the coalition of 12 women's groups which launched a campaign against polygamy should be more realistic and channel their energy to other activities like anti-rape and anti-dadah.

"There is nothing they can do about polygamy as it is already stipulated in the Quran and hadith.

"Islam allows polygamy if the men can be fair and can afford it. It cannot be changed," he said.

The "Monogamy: One Husband, One Wife" campaign was organised to impress upon Malaysians that monogamy is to be preferred to polygamy.