

Nik Aziz finds it hard to accept BN wins in by-elections
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PAS Spiritual Leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today he could not bring himself to accept the BN victory in the two by-elections yesterday, alleging that the government machinery was biased.

PAS lost in the by-elections, in Kerdu, Pahang, and Merlimau, Melaka, because the entire government machinery and the mainstream media were allegedly biased towards the BN, he told reporters in Kota Baharu.

Both the BN candidates, Syed Ibrahim Syed Ahmad and Roslan Ahmad, won with bigger majorities in Kerdu and Merlimau, respectively, in the by-elections yesterday.

Asked about DAP's call for the PAS government of Kelantan to revoke the ban on gambling in the state, Nik Aziz (left), who is Kelantan Menteri Besar, said the state government was prepared to provide an explanation for DAP Chairman Karpal Singh to understand the move behind the ban.

"The matter can be discussed, as Karpal Singh has mentioned," he said.

Karpal Singh had called on the state government to revoke its ban on gambling, saying that federal law allowed gambling for non-Muslims, after the local authority in Kota Baharu raided three business premises where lottery tickets were sold.

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