

Religious scholar says Kelantan BN petitions 'funny'

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Prominent religious scholar Azhar Idrus has described Kelantan BN's election petitions, in which they named him as one of the reasons they had lost the elections there, as "funny".

He had said during the elections that it was haram (forbidden) to bring down an Islamic government, an issue that was widely used by PAS in its campaign in the state.

The popular speaker was quoted by Sinar Harian as saying that although BN Kelantan cited his statement as one of the reasons they had lost the elections, he felt one was not related to the other.

"I was not having a ceramah but I was merely stating what is in the religious books; it is forbidden for us to bring down anything that is named Islam," he told the daily in Terengganu.

penang usm forum 280710 awang adek hussin "They can have a petition if I said don't bring down the Kelantan state government. But I didn't say so. I just said don't bring down an Islamic government. It's in the Al-Quran," he added.

Kelantan BN had on Wednesday filed five election petitions, for four state seats and one parliamentary seat.

The petitions were filed for the Bachok parliamentary seat along with the Jelawat, Mengkebang, Gaal and Manek Urai state seats.

The petitioner named for Bachok is former deputy finance minister Awang Adek Hussin (left), who lost to PAS' Ahmad Marzuk Shaary by a 201-vote margin, while the BN candidate for Jelawat, Ilias Husain, lost to Abdul Aziz Kadir, of PAS, by 102 votes.

The Mengkebang seat was won by PAS candidate Abdul Latiff Abdul Rahman with a majority of 1,072 votes, defeating BN's Azizzuddin Hussein.

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