

Use of dinar a no-no, Kelantan warned
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KOTA BARU – The government has told Kelantan not to push its luck by trying to introduce its own currency.

"I advise Kelantan not to do as it likes," said International Trade and Industry Minister Mustapa Mohamed.

"Whatever it wants to do must be discussed, otherwise members of the public will be confused over who is in charge over currencies.dinardirhamsmall

"Matters on currency comes under the jurisdiction of the federal government, not the state. What Kelantan has done clearly breached the country's law. We have the Constitution and regulations," he told reporters after chairing the meeting of the Kelantan Umno Liaison Body here today.

Two days ago, Kelantan Mentri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat had launched the dinar and dirham syariah currencies which he said would be used in day-to-day transactions including salary payments to civil servants.

About 1,000 entrepreneurs in the state were reported to have agreed to accept the gold dinar and silver dirham in their business transactions.

The dinar and dirham are produced by a subsidiary of Perbadanan Menteri Besar Kelantan, Kelantan Golden Trade.

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