

Nik Aziz Finds It Hard To Accept BN Victory In By-Elections
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KOTA BAHARU -- PAS Spiritual Leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said he could not bring himself to accept the Barisan Nasional victory in the two by-elections yesterday because the government machinery was allegedly 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 here yesterday.

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, 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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