

NIK AZIZ backs PM's call for religious dialogue

KOTA BARU: PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said yesterday dialogues between the Christian West and the Islamic world are for the good of all. "I fully support such dialogues," he said when commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's call for the the West and Muslim countries to engage in dialogue to arrest worsening relations between them.

Nik Aziz, who is the Kelantan menteri besar, said there is no reason for Christians and Muslims to engage in religious conflict because "both religions come from the Almighty".

"The Christians cannot despise the Muslims and, likewise, the Muslims must not look down on the Christians," he said.

Addressing the International Conference of Islamic Scholars in Jakarta on Tuesday, Abdullah called on the Christian west and the Islamic world to improve relations through dialogues. - Bernama