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# Nik Aziz happy with federal govt aid

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**KOTA BARU:** Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat is happy that the federal government is helping to develop the state.

“It is a normal thing to do in a democratic country. Aid by the federal government should not be viewed as something peculiar by a Pas-ruled state.”

Nik Aziz was commenting on the construction of a bridge running parallel to the Sultan Yahya Petra bridge, connecting the districts of Kota Baru and Tumpat.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will perform the ground-breaking ceremony on Thursday.

“I am happy with the development done in Kelantan by the federal government. They have set up various facilities to help the state boost its economy,” he said after giving a personal donation to last week’s crocodile-attack victim, Ibrahim Yaakob, 68, at Kampung Gajah Mati on Monday.

The carpenter was taking a bath when he was attacked.

The 90kg crocodile was trapped by the Kelantan Wildlife and Natural Parks Department rangers, near the Sultan Yahaya Petra bridge on Saturday, and was sent to the Malacca Zoo.