

# Nik Aziz:

## Pay rise timed

## for elections

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The pay increase for government servants is a general election ploy, said PAS spiritual advisor Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

The Kelantan Menteri Besar said the announcement was made too close to when the next elections might be called.

"Why didn't they do it earlier, when the consumer goods prices first shot up? The public has been complaining about high prices. So it's not surprising," he told reporters after opening the new party headquarters building at Jalan Raja Laut here yesterday.

The six-storey building, which was purchased for nearly RM8mil, would replace the old headquarters at Taman Melewar in Gombak here.

Parti Keadilan Rakyat adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim expressed his happiness for civil servants.

However, he said, the people were already facing the financial hurdle of paying more for consumer items compared with a few years ago.

"The pay rise announcement is intended to face the elections.

"After that ends, the people's burden will continue," Anwar added.