

Nik Aziz: Party needs professionals and ulama

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KOTA BATU: PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has called on party delegates to vote for a mixture of professionals and *ulama* during the coming *muktamar*.

He said PAS leaders were no longer just *surau* or mosque managers.

"We have grown to manage states, the economy and perhaps eventually the country so we need a mixture of both professionals (technocrats) and *ulama*," Nik Aziz said.

He said this during a press conference after the state exco meet-

ing here yesterday.

Nik Aziz said there was nothing wrong for PAS to have professionals in its ranks, just like the Kelantan state exco line-up where the majority were technocrats.

"PAS is at a transitional stage so we need a mixture of young and old to prepare for the challenges ahead," he said.

Meanwhile, PAS secretary Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan announced that a total of 1,125 delegates from 174 divisions nationwide would be attending the *muktamar* from June 1 to 3.

The youth, women and ulama

wings will hold their meetings on May 30 and 31.

Takiyuddin said there would also be a trade exposition during the annual party gathering and the highlight would be a "massive *ceramah*" to be held at the Stadium Mohamed IV.

Some 50,000 people are expected to attend.

He added that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would be one of the speakers at the *ceramah*.

He said no official invitation was extended to DAP but the Opposition party members could attend as observers.

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