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# 'Lim can be DPM if he is Muslim'

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**KOTA BARU:** Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, regarded as the most influential Pas leader, said DAP's Lim Kit Siang could serve as a future deputy prime minister if he is a devout Muslim.

The Pas spiritual leader who had last week said Lim could become the No 2 in a Pakatan Rakyat government—should this become a reality—has since explained his stance.

He said other non-Malay candidates could similarly be made a deputy prime minister if they were devout Muslims.

"This is the principle which must be adhered to in constructing a national leadership and ummah," he posted on his blog yesterday.

On Dec 2, Nik Aziz, who is also

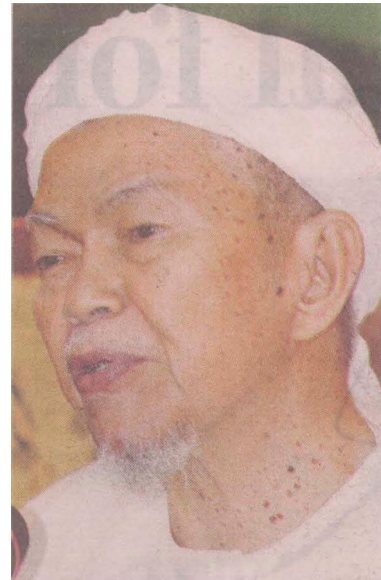
menteri besar, had brushed aside Pas Dewan Ulama chief Datuk Harun Taib objection to Parti Keadilan Rakyat de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim nominating Lim as the deputy prime minister if Pakatan won the general election.

Nik Aziz had reportedly said Harun was merely expressing his view.

After Anwar said in an interview in a Chinese newspaper that Lim would be deputy prime minister, Harun had explained to the *New Straits Times* that Anwar had no right to proclaim anyone as deputy prime minister, especially when the general election had not been held.

Anwar had previously said that he would create two deputy prime minister posts—one for DAP and Pas—if Pakatan took over the government.

Nik Aziz said he had repeatedly stated that the post of Kelantan



**Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat says anyone can be a leader under Islam**

menteri besar could be lilled by a Chinese on condition that the candidate was a pious Muslim.

"Any pious Muslim, even if he is a non-Malay, is more beneficial to the nation than that of a corrupt Malay," he said, adding that "this is the principle of Islam. Under Islamic policy, anyone can be leaders".

He said he had consistently held the stance that neither Malay, Chinese nor Indians carried additional values in Islam unless they held absolute faith in Allah.