

Nik Aziz: I'm not following in Dr M's footsteps
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KOTA BARU: Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said he has no intention of following in the footsteps of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad by quitting politics.

"I will put up a fight from the start until the end. How can I follow his footsteps? Who asked him to step down?"

Nik Aziz, 80, was commenting on Dr Mahathir's advice that he should not contest in the next general election.

Dr Mahathir, who last stood for a parliamentary seat at 74 in 1999, said recently Nik Aziz should emulate him and retire from politics.

"I just want to advise him to forget any intention of contesting. It is good that he retires as I have also retired. Nik Aziz has been (in politics) longer than me," Dr Mahathir had said.

Both Dr Mahathir and Nik Aziz were first elected to Parliament about the same time. Dr Mahathir was first elected in 1964.

Nik Aziz first stood as a Pas candidate in a by-election for the Kelantan Hilir parliamentary seat in 1967 and went on to represent the constituency, which was later renamed Pengkalan Chepa, for 19 years.

In the 1986 general election, he moved to a state seat and won in the Semut Api state constituency.

At 80, he would be among the oldest candidates in the general election if he sticks to his decision.

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