

JOAS Wants Nik Aziz To Apologise
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PETALING JAYA, April 20 (Bernama) -- The Indigenous Peoples Network of Malaysia or Jaringan Orang Asal Se-Malaysia (JOAS) has given Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat four days to make an open apology and retract his statement for insulting the Orang Asli who staged a demonstration in front of the main gate of the State Secretariat building in Kota Bharu last Sunday.

Kelantan JOAS chairman Azmi Badol said they would resort to legal action if Nik Abdul Aziz did not do so.

"We feel insulted after knowing that Nik Aziz regarded us as stupid and do not know how to rent a bus and pay for it. He also said we are not Kelantan people.

"This is not a problem which concerns the Orang Asli in other states. This is the problem of the Orang Asli in Kelantan. It is about our life," he told a media conference here today.

He refuted an allegation by Nik Abdul Aziz that the demonstration, staged by about 400 Orang Asli from 26 settlements in Gua Musang last Sunday to demand for the return of their customary land, was masterminded by outsiders.

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