

Nik Aziz Feels No Guilt At All In Sponsoring Rally Participants
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KOTA BAHARU, May 1 (Bernama) -- PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said he felt no guilt at all in sponsoring a number of party supporters to participate in last Saturday's illegal rally in the federal capital which turned riotous.

The rally, which took place around Dataran Merdeka, was organised by several non-governmental organisations and supported by opposition parties.

In fact, the Kelantan Menteri Besar said, he encouraged people to take part in the rally which he regarded as a must to demonstrate their feelings against something they were dissatisfied with.

"If there are two or three more such rallies, I am prepared to sponsor party supporters who wish to participate," he told reporters after speaking and presenting awards for excellence to students sponsored by the Kelantan Islamic Foundation at Pusat Tarbiyah Islamiah Kelantan (PUTIK), here, today.

Also present were state Islamic Development, Education and Islamic Propagation Committee chairman Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah and state assembly Speaker Datuk Mohd Nasiruddin Daud.

Two days ago, Nik Aziz who is also Kelantan PAS commissioner, admitted to having sponsored with his own money, some PAS supporters from his area to attend last Saturday's rally in Kuala Lumpur.

Asked whether he regretted the violence that took place during the rally which had caused injuries to several people, Niik Aziz said it happened because the participants were hampered by the authorities during the demonstration.

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