

**BN Unperturbed Whether Nik Aziz Will Contest Next General Election - Muhyiddin Bernama**  
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KAJANG, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) is unperturbed whether Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat will contest the next general election or not, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

"That's his choice. I do not have any comment. It is up to the PAS leadership whether to field him. It is up to the people to make the evaluation," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is BN deputy chairman and Umno deputy president, said the BN was ready with its election machinery and would field competent candidates in the next general election.

He was asked to comment on the indicated possibility that Nik Aziz, who is also PAS spiritual leader, would contest the 13th general election.

The BN would field competent leaders in the next general election in Kelantan, including candidates capable of becoming the menteri besar if the people gave the coalition the mandate to administer the state, Muhyiddin told reporters at Batu 14, Hulu Langat, near here Monday.

"It is hoped that the people of Kelantan can make a comparison on who would be more suitable and eligible, not only in religious terms but also in terms of administration and management to overcome the unsettled issues, such as water supply, hardcore poverty and other social problems," he said.

He said only the people of Kelantan would have the answer to the question of what would happen to the state over the next five years if Nik Aziz contested the next general election and again became the menteri besar.

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