

**PAS' Claim Against Umno On Drug Bait, Slanderous To Tarnish Umno's Image -  
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KOTA BAHARU, June 17 (Bernama) -- A PAS state government backbencher's claim that Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) had resorted to giving "pil kuda" (methamphetamine) and liquor to individuals to entice them to work for and support the party during the recent general election, has been described as slanderous to tarnish Kelantan Umno's image.

Opposition leader in the state assembly, Datuk Nozula Mat Diah (BN-Paloh) said it was preposterous and crazy to say that Umno hired those involved in drugs to work for it as "drugs are our enemy and we want to stamp out drug abuse".

"I see that PAS leaders are slandering us to give us a bad image in the eyes of the public so that they will continue to reject Umno," he told reporters during a rest break of the state assembly sitting, here, Monday.

Earlier, the debate on the motion of thanks for the Kelantan Sultan's opening speech became heated when Mohd Zaki Ibrahim (PAS-Kelaboran) alleged that BN had given "pil kuda" and liquor to its party workers, causing Nozula to stand up and object to the allegation.

Nozula said PAS simply made the wild accusation as it wanted to play on the people's sentiments, especially of Kelantanese youths living outside the state, so that they would continue to support PAS.

"That is why they (PAS) have also often told these people that the federal government has been marginalising Kelantanese.

"However, they didn't tell them the various forms of assistance given by the federal government to the state government like salary payment for state government staff and allocations to solve the water supply problem.

"We want the Menteri Besar (Datuk Ahmad Yakob) to bring about transformation to benefit the rakyat (people), not like his predecessor (Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat) who was always seen to 'melempar batu, tapi sembunyi tangan (throw a stone but hide the hand," he added.

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