

Kelantan Has No Actual Figure Of Shia Followers
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KOTA BHARU, July 31 (Bernama) -- The Kelantan government has no actual number of Shia followers despite a claim made by the Kelantan Islamic Religious Affairs Department (Jaheaik) that there were about 1,000 followers of the sect in the state.

Kelantan Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah said the number could be based on Jaheaik's monitoring and observation.

"There is no official figure of Shia followers but we were told that there were people who practised Shia in the state," he told reporters here today.

He said PAS abided by the Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah and rejected Shia.

"PAS president has made it clear that any Pas members who observe Shia must leave the party as it affirms that the sect deviates from the Islamic teachings," he said.

There are no reports about any PAS leaders or members in the state's practising Shia, he said, adding that, "If there were, we will investigate and if we have proof, they will be sacked from the party."

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