

**PAS' developing With Islam Policy Fails To Curb Crime In Kelantan - Rozali
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KOTA BAHARU, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- The Kelantan PAS' policy of "Membangun Bersama Islam" (Developing With Islam) after ruling the state since 1990, is seen as ineffective to curb crime.

Former Kelantan menteri besar II, Datuk Mohd Rozali Isohak said Kelantan PAS had failed to mould the character of the state's people as desired, based on Islamic values, as they clearly failed to put these values into practice.

"If they (PAS) really wanted to carry out Islamisation of their administration, social ills like crime should not proliferate," he told reporters when met at his house, here, Wednesday.

He was earlier asked to comment on the rising crime in Kelantan, including an incident last Sunday in which a school clerk was killed in an explosion in Tumpat.

In the 11am incident, Mohd Yusrizal Mat Zain, 32, a clerk at Sekolah Rendah Kebangsaan Manek Urai in Kuala Krai, was picking up a package left on the roof of an MPV vehicle parked in the compound of his mother-in-law's house in Taman Seri Periuk, Kampung Periuk, Tumpat, when the parcel exploded.

Rozali, who is also the Kelantan Umno Veterans Association chairman, said the time had come for the state's PAS leaders to reduce politicking on the ceramah stage and to instead focus on administering Kelantan more effectively.

"Actually, when there's less entertainment (night clubs and concerts), there should be less crime like drug abuse and other social ills such as giving birth to children out of wedlock, but it's not the case in Kelantan.

"The state government should review its policy and give more attention to the issue of rising crime, especially of late."

Rozali said PAS should also open wider, the door of cooperation with the federal government to check crime.

"The Kelantan government should change its policy a bit. Just don't look for the faults of others. Both parties have their role and they should cooperate to curb crime," he added.

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