

Thank you Dr Mahathir - Nik Abduh

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25 (Bernama) – Bachok Member of Parliament Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz thanked Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for keeping his promise to give petroleum royalty to Kelantan.

Nik Abduh said it was beyond his expectation as the state government had been denied its right for so long.

"I have met Tun Abdullah (Ahmad Badawi) and the elected representative from Pekan and they still agree that Kelantan has no right over the royalty that PAS championed.

"It's hard for the two prime ministers to undo the big locks that have been locked by the Langkawi Member of Parliament. But is destined that God eventually sent the Langkawi Member of Parliament back to reopen it. It's a destiny I was not capable of thinking before.

"Therefore, I would like to thank the Langkawi Member of Parliament," he said when debating the proposed Mid-Term Review of the 11th Malaysia Plan at the Dewan Rakyat today.

He also admitted to being pessimistic about Dr Mahathir and his promises made in the Pakatan Harapan (PH) manifesto in the last election to provide 20 per cent petroleum royalty to state oil producers in the country.

Nik Abduh, who is also a member of the PAS Central Committee, said the seriousness shown by Dr Mahathir was lauded as Kelantan did not receive oil royalty but instead received courtesy money since 2010.

On July 20, Dr Mahathir explained that the 20 per cent royalty to petroleum producers was made based on the total profit gained from the state.

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