

Pak Lah: Infighting will send wrong signals

KEPALA BATAS: Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has expressed concern that factionalism will affect the party's performance in the coming general election.

He said if there was jealousy and prejudice among different camps, there was a possibility they would work towards their own agenda with grave consequences to the party.

"As such, I appeal to all members to be disciplined and rally around party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is the only general in the party," he told Wanita Umno leaders here yesterday.

"In times of great difficulties, the members must unite and show their loyalty to the party," he said.

Ahduallah, who was recently appointed Penang Umno liaison committee chairman, said infighting in the party would send the wrong signals to the people.

"They will be fed up and will no longer listen to us. As such, we must always exhibit exemplary behaviour," he said.

On Penang, he said the political power of Malays here would be reduced if the party performed badly.

By winning all 12 state seats in the last general election, Umno had given the biggest contribution compared to other Barisan Nasional component parties in the formation of the state government, Abdullah said.

"This good performance has been reflected in their influential presence in the state assembly and state executive council," he said.
