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DON'T POLITICISE EFFORTS TO OVERCOME ECONOMIC PROBLEM

KEPALA BATAS, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- All parties, especially the opposition, should not politicise government efforts to revive the economy, Umno Vice-President Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

He said the opposition had linked government efforts especially Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's information campaign on the state of the economy, to the general election.

"This is no election issue...I hope efforts to revive the economy gets sincere support of the opposition," he told reporters after attending a function at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Datuk Haji Ahmad Badawi here.

Abdullah, who is also Foreign Minister said, "We hope that they have concrete proposals and not just criticise the government."

He also called on Umno members not to be overly excited over the party leadership election because it would only be held next year.

"If they are engrossed in party election, it might dampen their focus on efforts to overcome the economy," he said.

He said the move by the Prime Minister to brief the people in detail on the economic problem was well received.

The government's efforts must be carried out on a nationwide basis, he added.

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