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Abdullah: Stop blaming the system

KUALA TERENGGANU, Mon. - Civil servants who are not doing well careerwise should take stock of their own performance instead of blaming the system, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

"Those who are not doing well are normally workers who do not contribute much to an organisation, are reluctant to attend discussions or meetings and do not voice their views.

"Thus, they should stop blaming others for their own faults and if they are not satisfied with certain matters they should bring these matters to meetings to be discussed," he said.

Abdullah was speaking to about 4,000 Terengganu civil servants at Wisma Darul Iman. Also present were Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad and State Executive Councillors.

Abdullah also urged department heads to give their workers the opportunity to voice their views and complaints.

Civil servants, he added, should not have anything to complain about concerning work as the Government provided training courses to improve their skills and knowledge, updated facilities and comfortable work environment.

"With such facilities provided, I am wondering why there are a small group of civil servants still against the Government," he asked.

He said the Cabinet had always appreciated the role played by civil servants in efforts to develop the country and maintain peace and harmony.

"This is a truth and I am not saying this only to fish for votes (in the coming election)," he added.

He also stressed the need to uphold a symbiotic relationship between the country's leaders and those in administration.

"We must continue with this kind of relationship and you (civil servants) must be diligent, dedicated, disciplined, skillful and trustworthy in carrying out your duties."

Abdullah also explained at length to clear the misconception that one of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's traits was his refusal to accept others' views.

He described Dr Mahathir as a man who "enjoys intellectual discussions."

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