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Keadilan `politicising a person's sickness'

KEPALA BATAS, Sun. - Parti Keadilan Nasional is merely trying to create disturbances by sending memorandums to the heads of States, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

"I see nothing good in their actions... They are merely trying to politicise issues concerning a sick person," he told reporters.

"They are also trying to politicise a case which is undergoing the judicial process," he said, adding that they might be trying to find an out-of-court settlement for Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim by bringing his problems to the attention of the palace.

The Rulers may also want to know the truth but this was impossible since the investigations were hindered.

Anwar, former Deputy Prime Minister, refused to give samples of his finger nails and hair to be tested for arsenic poisoning.

Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, said this when asked to comment on the action of Keadilan supporters in forwarding a common memorandum to the heads of States urging them to order an independent commission to investigate the suspected arsenic poisoning of Anwar yesterday.

He was here to launch Mekar Minda, an information technology resource centre, for the Kepala Batas parliamentary constituency at Sekolah Kebangsaan Hashim Awang.

Also present was his wife, Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, who is also patron of the project, aimed at providing easy access to information technology to residents and schoolchildren in rural areas.

Abdullah stressed that investigations into Anwar's alleged arsenic poisoning should be allowed to proceed without hindrance.

Anwar's unwillingness to co-operate was delaying efforts to ascertain the allegation although it is regarded as a very important issue by many, he said.

Any further delay will also lead to more problems, including accusations of a conspiracy by the Government and its leaders.

"Maybe this is what Anwar wants ... I don't know," he added.

In Seberang Perak, Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob today described the move by the Opposition as an attempt to deliberately shame Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the eyes of the world.

Their scheme in submitting the memorandum urging the sacking of Dr Mahathir and his deputy showed their ignorance in constitutional matters.

"The Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Sultans are constitutional rulers and should not be dragged into the political scene," he said.

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