

# Non-Malay PM not impossible, says Dollah

**PUTRAJAYA**, Tues: When Malaysia is free of racial sensitivity and has reached a level where everyone is united in a Malaysian way, it will be the day when the people are ready for a non-Malay prime minister. *504 216 200*

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, echoing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's statement on Saturday said it is not an impossible nor a forbidden thing for non-Malays to be a prime minister

"From what he (Mahathir) said it is clear there is no allocation in the constitution that a prime minister has to be someone of a particular race or religion," he said after chairing the 33rd Islamic Religious Development Council meeting.

Abdullah also said even the Malaysian political system does not rule that only Malay leaders of a certain political party can become a prime minister.

"For instance, if DAP wins the general election, of course their leader (Lim) Kit Siang or maybe his son will be prime minister.

"Similarly, an Indian party leader can also become a prime minister," he added.