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EZAM'S ADMISSION TO SMEARING PM'S NAME TO BE LOOKED INTO

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Nasional Youth chief Mohamad Ezam Mohd Noor's admission of his involvement in smearing Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's name abroad will be looked into and action to be taken if the law has been contravened, said Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Abdullah, the Deputy Prime Minister, said: "If he has broken the law, action will be taken. Otherwise, we will treat it as purely politicking on his part".

A newspaper today reported that Ezam made a public admission of his involvement in running down the Prime Minister's good name in the United States and Europe.

The report further said Ezam even challenged authorities to take action against him.

Abdullah, who is also Umno deputy president, told reporters after chairing the Umno management and disciplinary committee meeting here that police are investigating the matter.

"It is unbecoming for anyone to run down the country's leaders abroad. If it is politicking they want, do it at home," he said.

"If they have the support of the people and they win, they can form the government. Why do they have to beg for support from outside?"

Abdullah said Ezam's actions reflected Keadilan's weakness to the extent it needed to seek external support.

Also present at the meeting were Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, both Umno vice presidents, Umno secretary general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob and Wanita Umno head Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

Muhyiddin said Ezam's actions also showed the narrow-minded objectives of Keadilan.

"Ezam's actions are highly irresponsible," he said.

Ezam, in a statement today, claimed he spoke of alleged injustices and wrongdoing of the government in several seminars overseas recently.

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