

'Reformasi' group sought help of Indon activists

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GERIK: Local *reformasi* activists plan to rope in those from Indonesia to help in their cause, said deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

However, he warned, the Government would take action against those who try to bring them in to take part in street demonstrations in Malaysia.

"If this happens, we will take action against anyone involved in such activity, including Indonesians who come to take part," he told reporters after opening the Gerik Umno division meeting here, yesterday.

Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, said action was necessary because such a move would threaten national security.

On Friday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad disclosed that there were groups out to topple the Government by enlisting help from a neighbouring country to create riots and violence similar to those which toppled the government there.

"We will not allow them to do whatever they like in our country, irrespective of whether they are citizens or foreigners," said Abdullah.

However, he added, he was not aware if any Malaysian was fi-

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nancing the plan.

Abdullah said he had received police reports that *reformasi* activists here had links in Indonesia to get support to beef up their strength, including getting individuals

to participate in *reformasi* demonstrations in Malaysia.

"However, the people there did not want to get involved. We will continue to be cautious . . . if it takes place, police will take action.

"Right now I don't have details on the matter. Perhaps,

the police have the facts."

To a question whether Indonesian citizens had been arrested for participating in local *reformasi* activities, Abdullah said there were none at the moment.

On the so-called "Black 14" gathering which fizzled out,

did not want to get involved

Abdullah said the people had listened to the Government's advice not to attend the assembly.

"This is very good," he added.

Earlier, Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali said delegates at the Grik Umno division support-

ed government action to curb activities detrimental to the nation's peace and security.

Tajol Rosli, who was returned unopposed as the division chief, said Suhakam should understand why the Government decided to detain seven *reformasi* activists under

the Internal Security Act.

"When Tan Sri Musa Hitam (present Suhakam chairman) was the Home Minister, how many people were detained under the ISA?" he asked.

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