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Ministry will continue to monitor reports: Abdullah

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun: The Home Ministry will continue to monitor articles written by local dailies, including the Chinese newspapers, its minister, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, said today.

He said that on certain occasions, the ministry will call the dailies to clarify certain reports, and advise them to write based on facts.

“Usually the ministry’s officers will constantly monitor all local newspapers and if there is a need to give a warning for a certain content, we will take action by giving

them warning,” he said.

Abdullah, who is also the deputy prime minister, was responding to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad’s statement yesterday blaming the *Nanyang Siam Pau* and *China Press* newspapers for whipping up anti-government sentiment among the Chinese.

In his winding-up speech at the closing of the Umno General Assembly, Mahathir also said this resulted in the Barisan Nasional’s defeat in the Lunas state seat by-election last year.