

# BN will act against threats to nation

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DPM: We will not close our eyes to groups who undermine stability

The Barisan Nasional-led government holds fast to the sovereignty of the law and the Constitution and is not afraid to take action against any group which threatens national security.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the people appreciate the government's firmness in enforcing and implementing the law as it ensures the stability of the country.

"We will not close our eyes and we will not be afraid of any group which attempts to undermine the stability and peace of the country," Abdullah said in his winding-up speech at the BN convention in Kuala

Lumpur yesterday.

Abdullah said the actions taken by the government so far have never been aimed at prosecuting a person solely because he is a member of an opposition party or that he was critical of the government.

"Action will only be taken if there is proof that he is involved in activities which present a threat to national security and contrary to allegations against the police force, the force remains a neutral organisation free of any political agenda.

"They (the police) have carried out their duties responsibly, according to the law and constitution.

There is no discrimination in enforcing the law," he added.

Abdullah said the government will continue doing its work for the good of the people and the country despite the existence of certain groups which are thankless of the work.

He said BN component parties understand that the honour given to Umno to lead the coalition underlines the importance of Malay and national unity and the need to strengthen the country.

He assured the parties that Umno, under the leadership of president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, remains strong and

united in facing its challenges.

There is nothing to worry about over Umno's activities. We, in Umno, are also unperturbed with the results of meetings held by other component parties and carried by local newspapers.

"Though we have a duty to the race we're representing, we have never gone beyond the limits stated in our constitution.

"For example, Umno has never worked towards abolishing the rights of non-Malays contained in the Constitution in its struggle to protect the special rights and privileges of the Malays," he said.