

# Fadzil wants to discuss ban on ceramah with DPM

**KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs:** PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor said today his request for a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is to discuss the ban on political ceramah.

He said he has written a letter to Abdullah, who is also the home minister.

"The letter, which was sent by hand to the Home Ministry a few days ago, specifically calls for discussion on this matter and has nothing to do with the Malay unity talks or any other subject," he said.

"Our view is that the ban on ceramah is unconstitutional and the government should withdraw it."

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Police banned the holding of political ceramah nationwide early last month.

Abdullah said he has yet to receive Fadzil's letter.

"I just read about this in the news. Maybe my officers have received it. I've been busy and maybe I have missed it," he said.

A newspaper reported today that Fadzil had written to Abdullah seeking "peace talks" with Umno.

Unity talks between Umno and PAS were initiated late last year by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

However, the talks did not get anywhere as four technical committee meetings held were fruitless.