

DPM: Ban on' demos ensures stability

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Government is right in banning street demonstrations as it has contributed towards the peace and stability of the country, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday.

"It is obvious that our policy on this issue is right. The situation in this country is peaceful and stable and this is because we don't allow violent demonstrations on the street.

"Even opposition leaders admit this and that is why we will continue to stop people from demonstrating," he told reporters after opening a symposium on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's thoughts here.

Abdullah was commenting on Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat's statement on Friday that the perceived peace and stability in the country was due to the Government's policy of banning demonstrations.

The statement was carried in a Bahasa Malaysia daily.