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ANWAR GIVEN THE WIDEST OPTION POSSIBLE, SAYS ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, May 3 (Bernama) -- The government is not inhumane and in fact has given Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim the widest option possible to seek treatment for his back injury, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today.

He said Anwar had also been given the best treatment possible and the privilege of being treated by any specialist of his choice, provided the treatment was carried out in the country.

"The government's stand is not that of being inhumane but one of giving Datuk Seri Anwar the widest option possible if he wants his injury treated," he said when winding-up the debate on the Eighth Malaysia Plan (RMK8) in the Dewan Rakyat, here.

He was replying to points raised by Opposition leader Datuk Fadzil Mohd Noor.

Abdullah also denied allegation by Fadzil that the cabinet ministers had made statements about Anwar in bad faith.

He said that during Anwar's long stay in hospital, he was well treated and he was not denied access to the specialist who treated him.

"We also give him the option to choose whatever method he wants to treat his injury, provided the treatment is done locally," Abdullah said.

Fadzil then stood up, asking about the letter written by president of the Malaysian Islamic Medical Association Dr Musa Mohd Nordin to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad about allowing Anwar to seek treatment overseas.

To this, Abdullah said he knew nothing about it.

The development plan was later approved by the House before it adjourned sitting until Tuesday.

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