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Abdullah-Thoughts

APPLY DR MAHATHIR'S THOUGHTS- PAK LAH TO YOUNG MALAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- The Deputy Prime Minister today urged young Malays to apply Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Thoughts and policies to achieve development for their race.

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Dr Mahathir's Thoughts and policies had instilled much confidence among the Malays and had prompted them to compete with other races in Malaysia and at the international level.

Dr Mahathir's statements, actions and aims had always been to make the Malays a race with a high degree of self confidence, he said after opening a seminar on "Dr Mahathir Thoughts" for the young generation here.

The one-day seminar is being jointly organised by the Wangsa Maju branch of the Federation of Peninsular Malay Students and Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP).

"Dr Mahathir feels Malays and Malaysia can be successful. Hence he says Malaysia Boleh...Melayu Boleh and with this he has instilled in them a strong spirit to succeed," Abdullah said.

Abdullah also expressed the hope that young Malays would not judge the present leaders merely based on recent developments.

"Particularly in the recent past where all types of condemnations giving rise to hatred had been sowed among the young by opposition parties to create an incorrect perception of our leaders among them," he said.

Abdullah said at times the Prime Minister had strong words when voicing his his views about young Malays but this was to make them realise that they were important assets to the race and in its development.

He was also asked to comment on the reported statement by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat that Malaysia was actually not peaceful and only "appeared peaceful" through use of the Internal Security Act (ISA) to clamp down on street demonstrations and facilitate detentions.

Abdullah, who is the Home Minister, said if the government did not stop demonstrations Malaysia would not be peaceful.

"It is correct, the government's action in stopping demos , has made our country safe and peaceful," he said.

Abdullah said Nik Aziz was of the understanding that Malaysia would be peaceful if the government allowed demonstrations.

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