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Directive to BN MPs

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Barisan Nasional Members of Parliament were today told not to raise any complaint against non-performing Cabinet ministers in Parliament without bringing it to the attention of the Prime Minister first.

They were encouraged to write personally to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad regarding the matter and conduct themselves professionally in Parliament.

"We were told that highlighting a Minister's weaknesses in Parliament would only put the Government in a bad light and affect the overall performance of the Cabinet," said an Member of Parliament after a 45-minute meeting between the Backbenchers Club and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at Parliament House this morning.

"Pointing out weaknesses in such a manner would also provide the Opposition with ammunition against the Government," he said.

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