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DR M'S CALL TO MALAYS NOT AIMED AT INSTILLING FEAR - ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the party president's call today to Malays not to easily forget their past successes and hardship was not aimed at instilling fear in them.

"It was not meant to frighten the Malays but as a reminder because history has shown that the Malays indeed easily forget the progress and hardship they have experienced, and become complacent," the deputy prime minister said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's reminder was relevant not just to Malays but all Malaysians, he said when commenting on the party president's keynote address at the Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Abdullah said history had shown that the Malays were capable of attaining success like bringing independence to the country and overcoming the communist threat because they were united and also cooperated with other communities.

Therefore, the people of this country should not forget the bitter experience and take for granted the present comfort to avoid repeating mistakes, he said.

Asked how Umno could change the "quick to forget" attitude among Malays, Abdullah said the community must be constantly reminded and made to learn from history.

Abdullah said Malays were capable of meeting challenges in the past and there was no reason why they could not face challenges in future if they were united.

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