

Pak Lah tells MCA 'let bygones be bygones'

PUTRAJAYA: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has urged MCA leaders who have been squabbling over the past few months to "let bygones be bygones."

He said both factions should work towards strengthening the party and Barisan Nasional now that they had agreed to set aside their differences.

"I am very happy and hope they will not resort to actions and words which will hurt each other's feelings and cause tension.

"This is the time to let bygones be bygones," he told reporters after meeting visiting Chinese

Vice-President Hu Jintao at his office here yesterday.

Abdullah said MCA leaders should be congratulated for accepting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice.

"Let's work towards further strengthening the (Chinese) community and the Barisan," he said.

Asked whether there might be an early election now that the crisis was over, Abdullah said he could not answer the question.

"Let the people express whatever they think. We are very sensitive to what they have to say," he added.

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