

Senai chief: Let Pak Lah make up his own mind

JOHOR BARU: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi should not be influenced or dictated into naming his deputy when he becomes Prime Minister, said a Johor Umno division chief.

Senai Umno's Adam Abdul Hamid said Abdullah should be given the freedom to name a deputy with whom he could work best.

"When someone has been named as his deputy even before he assumes the prime ministership, it gives the impression that Abdullah is being dictated," he said outside the State Assembly yesterday.

He was commenting on the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that he sees Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as the most qualified candidate for the post of DPM after he retires.

In Alor Star, Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the movement will accept any decision on the next deputy prime minister if it has been mutually agreed to by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed and his Deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.