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DPM: Malaysia is no Bollywood

KOTA KINABALU, Mon. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today called on Pas not to regard Malaysia as a Hollywood or Bollywood studio by insisting that the Sauk incident was a sandiwara staged by the Government.

After opening the Sabah Umno information convention here, he said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was not a film director and members of the Cabinet were not a movie crew.

He said the security personnel, especially those who had died in the course of duty, the judges, prosecutors and those found guilty in the Sauk incident were not actors.

"The courts and government institutions are not a `backdrop' for a stage play."

Abdullah said Pas, by "re-scripting" its story that only the arms robbery in Grik was a Government "play" and not the Sauk incident where two security personnel were killed, only showed that the opposition party was a real stage player.

"Pas changed its views because people and members of security forces rejected Pas allegations.

"Pas is the real stage player because they not only could not accept but manipulate reality."

Pas vice-president Datuk Mustafa Ali was reported as saying that Pas did not see the killing of the two security personnel by Al-Maunah members in Sauk as a "play" and added that it had referred only to the arms robbery in Grik.

The Deputy Prime Minister said Pas' so-called intention to establish an Islamic Government if it came to power was nothing but pure slogan and rhetoric.

"Until now, Pas had not been able to outline the type of Islamic country it wanted," he said, adding that Malaysia, under the present leadership, already had all the attributes of an Islamic country.

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