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`No change in British-Malaysian ties'

SEREMBAN, Thurs. - There will be no changes in bilateral ties between the British and Malaysian governments when Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi takes over as Prime Minister from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad next year.

British High Commissioner Bruce Cleghorn said both Governments had always maintained cordial ties and that it would not be affected by changes in the leadership.

"We are confident of maintaining the same relationship with Abdullah," said Cleghorn after paying a courtesy call on Negri Sembilan Mentri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad at his office here today.

"British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Dr Mahathir had met in February and wrote to each another on numerous occasions in the past, especially on world issues, including the Middle East peace process."

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