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Wanita MCA lashes out at AWSJ report

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Wanita MCA head Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen today blasted a report in the Asian Wall Street Journal report which she said was aimed at pitting one Malaysian leader against another.

Dr Ng, who is also Deputy Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister, also questioned the newspaper's motives in saying that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi might adopt more pro-Malay policies to gain popularity.

The report today also expressed worries that the promotion of Abdullah as Prime Minister next year might result in "the return of wide-spread favouritism in business".

The report, quoting unnamed sources, also said Abdullah might "award licenses and Government contracts to expand his political clout in the patronage-driven Umno."

It also expressed worries that Abdullah might replace Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's "highly-respectable" economic advisers.

Dr Ng said in a statement that Wanita MCA would not tolerate such reporting.

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