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`Only BN can ensure peace, political stability'

THE non-Malays in the country know that it was only the tried and tested Barisan Nasional formula which could ensure the future peace, equality and political stability in the country, Deputy Umno president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday.

He said it was a great challenge caring for the interest of the Malays while at the same time ensuring the needs of the other races were not neglected.

"It has never been BN's approach to discriminate against any race. Pas can only try to emulate this, but will never succeed," he said when addressing members from 33 overseas Umno Clubs at a luncheon at the Putra World Trade Centre.

"Deep in their (Pas) hearts, they know they do not have what it takes to successfully run the country."

Abdullah said about 450,000 voters who will cast their votes at the next general election were born and bred under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and have known no other leader.

However, he said this present leadership will not be around forever and it was the responsibility of the younger generation to ensure they remained united and never lose track of their goals.

"You will be among the future decision-makers and you must remember that whatever you do will have serious implications.

"Sometimes even good ideas may not receive the support you expect and there may be opposition from various sectors and you may find your interests coming into conflict with your decisions.

"Despite all this, you must remember to be a Melayu Jati who holds steadfast to his religious beliefs and never forget his love for his country."

Abdullah also said Pas has decided to go on a different approach, adopting different opinions and ideologies.

"Some argue that Pas cannot prove itself because it has never been the Government of the day. What about Terengganu and Kelantan? There, they have clearly forgotten the needs of the people and are busy with their own politicking."

He said the younger generation must make Umno and BN their natural choice for the sake of the country's future.

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