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**DPM: Decision on**  
**Chin Peng final**

**KEPALA BATAS:** Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday the decision not to allow former Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) secretary-general Chin Peng to return to Malaysia is final.

He told reporters this when asked to comment on DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang's calls to allow Chin Peng to come back to the country.

Lim had appealed to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to allow Chin Peng, who is living in exile in Thailand, to return to Malaysia before the prime minister retires on Oct 31.

"I don't want to get into a debate (on the matter)," Abdullah, who is also the MP for Kepala Batas, said after visiting several flood evacuation centres in the constituency.