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HADI TO OPPOSE ABDULLAH IF HE DOESN'T UPHOLD ISLAMIC SYARIAH

KUALA TERENGGANU, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said he will continue to oppose Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's leadership if no changes are made to uphold Islamic syariah in the country.

When tabling the 2004 Terengganu Budget at the State Legislative Assembly sitting today, he said that in other words the new Prime Minister should not inherit the country's secular administration or "superficial" Islam practised all this while.

"As such, anyone who becomes Prime Minister, and if he does not practise the pure Islamic teachings, we will go against him," said Abdul Hadi, who is also PAS president.

While wishing Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad happy retirement, he cynically thanked the former prime minister for declaring Malaysia as an Islamic country.

Abdul Hadi said the mass media had touted Abdullah as someone with a strong religious background and as such he hoped the new Prime Minister's leadership would not deviate from the true Islamic teachings.

"We will respect him and be together with him if he has similar aspiration, that is, to uphold Islamic syariah in this country," he said.

The sitting will resume tomorrow.

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