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PM SAYS ALL UNDER CONTROL

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today that so far he has managed to make decisions on the running of the country which are generally accepted by Malaysians.

"So far I can manage...whatever issue that has been brought before me I have been able to make the decisions and so far the decision has been good...that's what people tell me," he said.

However, there were many more things that he had to deal with, he said.

He tried to ensure that all decisions he made were good decisions, Abdullah, who took over the top job of running the country on Oct 31, told a news conference during his Hari Raya open house at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Since taking over from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Abdullah had called for improvement of the front liners at government departments to provide efficient service to the people.

He had also ordered the immediate payment of monies totalling RM3.8 billion to contractors who had completed government tendered works.

"I want the government to be a good paymaster and we must pay when we owe people, the government cannot be owing ordinary people. Contractors, big or small, we have to pay. This (the payment) has been carried out," Abdullah said.

He said the huge payout would also assist the economy as it would act "as a booster to the country's economy."

To another question from a foreign media journalist who wanted to know whether he was enjoying himself being the prime minister, he said: "I always enjoy myself."

Asked when he would name the Deputy Prime Minister, Abdullah said he would do so in good time.

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