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ABDULLAH WILL CONTINUE FIGHT FOR PEOPLE'S PROSPERITY - ABDUL HAMID

RANTAU PANJANG, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Religious adviser to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Othman today expressed confidence that Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will continue the government's efforts to achieve a prosperous standard of living for the people.

He said the Prime Minister would give priority to the efforts as was done by former Premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We give the assurance that the management of the country will not change and the goals will not change, which are to bring prosperity to the people and to improve government administration so we can grow further.

"New strategies may be sought, this is not to change our policy but merely adjustments in ways to get perfect results from government rule," he told reporters after handing out dates to government agencies, education institutes and non-governmental organisations at the Malaysia-Thailand border here.

Abdullah took over the post from Dr Mahathir on Friday.

Meanwhile, Abdul Hamid said ties between Muslims in Malaysia and those in Thailand's southern districts would be strengthened through programmes organised by both parties.

"This relationship is very important for both countries as there are many family members of Malaysians in the south of Thailand and some Malaysians who live there are also voters here. They have close family ties," he said.

From an economic perspective, Muslims in the south of Thailand could be employed in several sectors especially oil palm while they could help Malaysians in agricultural fields like fish and cattle breeding, he said.

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