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100 DAYS IN OFFICE: ABDULLAH PROVES HIS DYNAMISM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib

Tun Razak has described as excellent the administration of Prime Minister

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who will complete his 100 days in office

tomorrow.

"This we can gauge from public comments not only through the media but

also in daily conversations," he told Bernama here.

He said that statements by the rakyat showed that they were truly confident of Abdullah's leadership since succeeding Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad

as the fifth Prime Minister on Oct 31 last year.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that the policies announced by Abdullah

had been proven to be assessed positively and responded to favourably by

the rakyat.

"His dynamism as a leader is reflected through the policies and decisions he made during the period. To me, it is sufficient to prove that

his integrity matches that of our former Prime Minister," he said.

Najib said that even Abdullah's own personality had endeared himself to

the rakyat.

"He is simple and warm, his humble ways and his preparedness to go down

to the ground have been very well received by the rakyat. I see this image

shining through," he said.

"Furthermore, the message Abdullah has conveyed in his humble call for

'work with me and not for me' has been increasingly embraced by the various

levels of society.

"The concept does not mean that we or the civil servants do not respect

him or his position as Prime Minister (but) his concept is that the officers and staff could subscribe to his vision and mission and

translate

them in their daily tasks," he said.

Najib said that civil servants who have now fully grasped the call for

'work with me' were also upholding the philosophy of Abdullah's

administration by enhancing their quality of service which was now more transparent, efficient and of higher integrity.

He said that the people could also witness for themselves the emphasis on every directive issued by Abdullah in ensuring that the government's administration was more efficient, more friendly and ethical.

"It was the emphasis placed by Abdullah that really won them (the rakyat) over. It touches on the interest of the people in the sense that this administration will enable all government services most relied on by the people be provided through a system of delivery that is even more effective.

"The people expect, in their dealings with the government like in the application for licence, land...government services whether at the federal, state and local government levels, to be attended to as promptly as possible. As such, what has been emphasised by the Prime Minister received a very encouraging response from the rakyat," he said.

Najib believed that Abdullah was capable of meeting greater expectations by the rakyat based on his capability he had already proven.

He was confident that Abdullah, with the quality and integrity already shown by him even though he was new at being No One in the country, could turn Malaysia into a developed nation.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that so far Abdullah had not effected much changes in the policies and mission in realising Vision 2020 as aspired by Dr Mahathir.

He had in fact doubled efforts in striving to make it a reality.

"I believe the Prime Minister is aware that we have entered a critical phase which now demands that we boost efforts so that the double push in developing the country and realising Vision 2020 is achieved," he said.

Najib said that based on what he had proven so far, it was not impossible for Abdullah to take Malaysia and the people to greater heights.

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