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MBM: ABDULLAH SUCCESSFUL IN CHARTING NATION'S COURSE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has successfully charted the nation's course towards achieving more accomplishments since he became Prime Minister last Oct 31, said the Malaysian Youth Council (MBM).

MBM secretary-general Norizan Sharif said this Saturday would be Abdullah's 100th day in office as Prime Minister -- not a long period, but which had gained respect for him as a nation's leader not only in Asean but worldwide.

"He continues the nation's excellent leadership by focusing on human resources development for the world-class infrastructures built by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad".

Norizan said this in a statement here today.

He said Abdullah had won the people's heart and mind through his own initiatives like improving the public service, police image, transparency in administration and fighting corruption as well as the emphasis on agriculture.

Norizan said Abdullah's call for the people to "work with him and not for him" showed that the Prime Minister was humble in his approaches.

This was evident in Abdullah's approach on issues like the high death toll due to road crashes and violent sexual crimes against children.

The appointment of Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as the Deputy Prime Minister also showed Abdullah's wisdom and willingness to listen to views from others prior to making a decision, said Norizan.

In the statement, the MBM submitted three proposals in efforts to reinforce the nation's development agenda under the stewardship of Abdullah.

The council called for the setting up of the Malaysian Governance Commission, a body responsible in ensuring transparent and graft-free administration of the country.

The MBM called for the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) to be placed under this commission which should report direct to Parliament to enable it to act independently.

The youth council also called for the review of the National Social Council's tasks and scope of work and for the Agriculture Ministry to be renamed the Nutrition and Agricultural Industry Ministry.

This was to reflect the ministry's role in the country's food production, it said.

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