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OPPOSITION BELITTLING PM FOR POLITICAL INTEREST- ZAM

GURUN, Kedah, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- The Opposition is seeking political gains by belittling the Prime Minister's leadership of integrity and claiming that he is in the shadow of his predecessor Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said.

Regretting the Opposition's actions, he said the Opposition was uneasy because Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was continuing with the policies of Datuk Onn Jaafar right down to Tun Dr Mahathir.

"Pak Lah (Abdullah) is not in the shadow of anyone but is merely continuing with the policies and philosophy which have governed the leadership of this country," he said at a subscription dinner for the building of a mosque in Bedong at the Permaipura Golf Club here last night.

He said the Opposition was belittling the integrity of Datuk Seri Abdullah in view of his uncompromising attitude towards politics of race and chauvinism and his opposition to elements sowing the seeds of disunity among the multiracial population.

"The Opposition is actually unable to see the difference between Datuk Seri Abdullah and Dr Mahathir. The people's confidence and support for Datuk Seri Abdullah since he took over from Dr Mahathir clearly show that his leadership has been accepted," he said.

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