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Chua: Abdullah has widespread support

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - MCA vice-president Datuk Chua Jui Meng today said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had widespread support for his policy initiatives.

"Go to the ground and feel the pulse of Malaysians. You will know that the Prime Minister is not alone."

Chua said it was completely erroneous to say that Abdullah was shouldering the administration on his own when Malaysians have come in support of his initiatives, strategies and policies.

"Experienced politicians like me know by asking how the people feel. We know when it is lukewarm and when it is strong and powerful," he said when asked to comment on Abdullah's statement yesterday saying that he was not alone in shouldering the country's administration.

Abdullah was referring to a Pas analyst quoted in New Straits Times as saying the party's election campaign would target the Prime Minister and argue that he was alone in pursuing his policies.

Chua said he knew from speaking to people in rural and urban areas how they felt about Abdullah and the government. He said Abdullah had built very well upon what former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had done for the country.

Cabinet ministers and the rakyat appreciated what Abdullah was doing for the country, he said.

Chua who is Member of Parliament for Bakri, said he would be defending his seat.