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Abdullah: PBDS crisis won't affect BN's preparation

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Parti Bansa Dayak Sawarak leadership crisis will not affect the Barisan Nasional's preparation for the next general election, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"I believe they will overcome the problems they are facing," he told reporters after opening the Standard Chartered Group Leadership Team Conference here today.

He was asked whether Datuk Amar Leo Moggie's resignation as its president was a right move as it had resulted in a leadership crisis unlike the decision by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who will leave the BN in a stable position when he steps down in October.

"That's their respective approach. Our party is a big one ... a big party will also have big problems," he said.

Abdullah, who is BN deputy chairman, said the approach adopted by Dr Mahathir appeared not to have affected the party and he hoped this stability would prevail.

"Let's see Moggie's approach in this matter as he had previously stated that it would be better for the problems which have arisen to be overcome by his successor," he said.

In Kuching, the women's wing of PBDS said Moggie's resignation was to save the party from disintegration.

"His decision to resign on June 25 was made with the thought of saving the party from more indiscipline and further disintegration," its head Agnes Lia said.

Lia also expressed support for the reconstituted party credentials committee. She said it was a respectful body created and endorsed by the supreme council to look into the eligibility of branches to attend the triennial delegates conference.