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New PM must instil discipline

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IF Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had spent the last 22 years developing our country to a stage where we are an industrial hub in this region, then our incoming PM, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has a greater task awaiting him to rebuild a Malaysian society that is disciplined and possesses strong spiritual values.

The rapid development of our country over the past 20 years has not only brought about prosperity in terms of ringgit and sen, but also contributed to the decline in values among Malaysians as can be seen in the many social ills afflicting our society today.

Never before in the history of our nation have we seen so much violence in the streets and the break-down of discipline in schools and institutes of higher learning.

The spread of yellow culture has even moved into our homes and is destroying families.

Armed robberies, kidnappings and murders seem to be the order of the day.

The lack of spiritual values has contributed to widespread corruption in the private and public sectors. The fact that our new PM has acknowledged the seriousness of these problems will surely help to tackle them effectively.

Another area that needs looking into seriously is the poor service provided by some government departments and local councils. Many of the councils are insensitive to the needs of the people. They have to be revamped.

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