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Remain united

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DATUK Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has vowed to continue with the policies of his predecessor Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, though policies should be changed to meet changing situations.

Dr Mahathir instituted "drastic" policy changes, when he thought these were necessary.

Similarly, Abdullah would do like-wise. But to say that he will stick rigidly to the policies of his predecessor, would be incorrect.

Having watched the events around the globe in recent times, especially the war in Iraq, the protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict and more recently, the criticism of Malaysia by the Jewish lobby in the US as well as some European leaders; these are events that could cause disruptions to the political and economic well-being of our nation.

The signals are clear from the perception of the US and its Western allies that anything Muslim must be regarded as terrorist.

This is the reality in the world today. With Australian Prime Minister John Howard being made the sheriff and a proxy of the US, no Southeast Asian country is safe from the meddling hands of the sheriff. The only thing that Malaysians need to do now is to remain united and support our Government.

More importantly, it is also for all political parties to cease bickering and to set aside their political differences, which will only weaken our resolve to remain a united nation.

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