

Pak Lah clarifies statement on alleged rape by minister
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Former Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today clarified that he had made a statement on allegations of rape said by a minister only yesterday as he just came to know of the allegations.

He said that he had not said anything earlier because he was not informed of the allegations.

Abdullah said he had responded yesterday because the media had asked him about the allegations in some blog sites alleging that Information, Communication and Culture Minister Rais Yatim had raped his former maid in 2007.

The former prime minister said he had said nothing else and would like to disassociate himself from other references in an earlier report quoting him on the allegations.

On Friday, the former maid of Rais denied the allegations of rape.

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