

Lingam report: PM undecided on making it public
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Abdullah Ahmad Badawi left the matter of making the Lingam Tape report unresolved when he told reporters this evening that he needed to read it first before deciding whether to make it public or not.
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"I haven't seen it yet. If it has been submitted to the Prime Minister's Department, it must have been during the time when we were having the cabinet meeting," the prime minister told reporters after the Umno supreme council meeting today.

"Immediately after the cabinet meeting we adjourned and then we all came here (PWTC for the supreme council meeting). So, I haven't seen it yet," he reiterated.

Pressed on the issue of making the findings public, he pleaded with the media to let him see it first before making his decision.

vk lingam judge fixing 161107 abdullah badawi royal commission Asked if the issue of making it public depended on the contents, Abdullah said, "I want to see what is inside, what is being said and examine it in detail before deciding."

Royal Commission of Inquiry into the controversial VK Lingam video clip chairperson Haidar Mohamed Noor personally thinks the report on the findings should be made public.

He said this after submitting the four-volume report during an hour long audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara this morning.

Wait for AG to decide on Karpal

On the question of whether the issue of Karpal Singh's alleged seditious comments was discussed in the cabinet meeting, Abdullah's reply was 'No'.

"Reports have already been made on the matter and we will wait for the Attorney-General to decide whether it should be brought to the courts," he added.

Responding to a journalist's poser, the premier also dismissed the question of using the Internal Security Act on Karpal.

"If we wanted to use it, we would have done so already. When we don't use it, you question us too," he retorted at the journalist.

During a press conference today, DAP chairperson Karpal warned Abdullah and his deputy Najib Abdul Razak of legal action should the pair continue to make 'defamatory remarks' against him.

During the four-hour Umno meeting today, steps to address the decline in support for the party was discussed.

Although, he did not specify any concrete steps, Abdullah said the important thing for the party is to remain united.

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