

Implement ceasefire as agreed by UN, says PM

JOHOR BARU: The ceasefire in Lebanon should be implemented as agreed by the UN Security Council, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Abdullah said the UN resolution ordering a stop to the fighting between Israeli troops and the Hezbollah militia must be implemented according to the terms set out.

"If the terms of the truce are not implemented, then it is as if there is no truce," he told reporters after launching the MSC Malaysia Cybercentre @ Menara MSC Cybercentre here.

Abdullah was asked about the ceasefire, which came into effect yesterday after five weeks of fighting between Israel and

Hezbollah that killed more than 1,000 Lebanese and more than 150 Israelis.

During the launch of the MSC Malaysia Cybercentre, Abdullah called for the digital divide to be bridged to speed up the country's progress.

"ICT (information and communication technology) is for all. It is not for one class or one community.

"ICT is for the people, not just the elite. Not just for academia," he said.

Abdullah said the development of ICT infrastructure in the country was not just aimed at fulfilling the demands of investors but also to develop local human capital.

"But if the people are not

ready to accept or do not know how to use ICT, even at the most basic level, then the infrastructure will not be beneficial to them," he added.

Abdullah said the Government would only successfully implement projects such as e-economy and e-government with computer literacy.

He said that under the second phase of MSC Malaysia's implementation, dubbed MSC's next leap, there would be the expansion of network corridors to the whole country.

This expansion will be carried out in stages, starting with the development of cybercities and cybercentres in some states.