

PM: I'm focused on my mission

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KUALA LUMPUR : Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has stressed that he will not be distracted from his main mission - to fulfil his election promises to the people.

The Prime Minister said last night that accusations and rumours swirling around his image would not influence him in any way, and urged those in the Government to concentrate fully on their duties.

"At a time like this, people like to ask me, what is next? Well, to me, what is next is for us to fulfil what we have promised in the elections together. I told the Senators' Club dinner at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Addressing senators and former senators, he said it was important for the Government to continue its efforts to achieve Vision 2020 and the projects under the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

"There must be an optimum use of time. Don't be distracted and let other things take away your attention. We do not want to be influenced and lose our concentration as this could sway us away from our aims. We should be wary of this."

"He said this would be his attitude towards the rumours and allegations levelled against him and his administration.

"I have my main responsibility. To God, and to the people who support me, that is my responsibility. I will give my full attention to do this."

Earlier, several senators took to the stage and voiced their support for Abdullah.

Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Or Abdul Hamid Pawanteh urged Abdullah to "keep the faith and stay the course".

He said Abdullah had become Prime Minister because he had lived through the journey and was a "child of the system", and was therefore the right man to lead it.

Senators' Club president Datuk Abdul Raman Suliman said the Prime Minister was known for his emphasis on three principles - love, sincerity and piety.

"We say continue using these principles to achieve our shared goals.

"Do not take heed of accusations that are untrue; they are not worth your attention.