

# Abdullah touched by show of support

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KOTA KINABALU: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday said he appreciated the support given to him.

"The support is an illustration that we are working as a team to ensure the success of the Ninth Malaysia Plan," he told a Press conference here at

the end of his two-day working visit to Sabah.

He said it was not just an expression of support for him and his leadership but also for the numerous programmes and projects that would be implemented to achieve the national mission of turning Malaysia into a developed country by the year 2020.

"We need to move as a team

by supporting one another," Abdullah said.

On the prediction by Pas that the general election could be held by 2007 and that it would be fielding non-Muslim candidates, Abdullah said they could say or do what they wanted.

"For us, the focus is to work hard for the people because, come elections we will be

judged based on our performance," he said.

In lighter vein, Abdullah hoped the people would not be so engrossed with the World Cup that it would affect their work.

"Everybody should enjoy watching the World Cup but not to the extent of not coming to work the next day," Abdullah said.