

Abdullah slams Hadi for street protest advice



Abdullah giving Yuzielawaty Yakub a peck on her cheek after opening the Police Family Day at Tasik Titiwangsa yesterday while her mother, policewoman Rifgyah Qurratuain (right), looks on.

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Prime Minister yesterday ticked off Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang for encouraging party members to demonstrate and confront police personnel who attempt to stop them.

"It is not good advice and should not come out from a party leader who is responsible for controlling his men.

"Police are responsible for maintaining peace and security and do not deserve to have stones thrown at them," said Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He noted that as demonstrations usually took place in urban centres, business activities would be disrupted and that could hurt the economy.

"So, this kind of demonstration will not do anyone any good, and no demonstration can be held without a police permit," he said after opening the Police Family Day at Tasik Titiwangsa yesterday.

Hadi told a news conference after the PAS *muktamar* in Alor Star that street protests were the best way for the party to show its dissatisfaction with the Government.

He had said that if the police used batons, the demonstrators could hit back by throwing stones

found by the roadside.

"But it should be pebbles. Not enough to cause death like in some countries," he said.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan was not amused at the suggestion.

"It is advising people to go against the law. We will take action against whoever goes against the law," he said.

Earlier in his speech to launch the family day Abdullah, who is also Internal Security Minister, urged Malaysians to value their families while they were alive and show them love so that there would be no sense of guilt later.

He said that everyone should

value their families and give them love.

"This includes the husband-wife relationship.

"When the husband is gone, we don't want the wife to feel guilty about not having done this or that.

"Similarly, when the wife is gone, the husband should not regret not having given her enough love," he said.

Abdullah said love was not something that came naturally, it has to be nurtured.

"Sometimes we feel fed-up, but don't give in to this feeling. Instead, continue to shower love on all our family members," he said.