

PM raps PAS president for 'throw stones at police' advice

KUALA LUMPUR: PAS has given bad advice to the public by saying that there is nothing wrong with throwing stones at police in street demonstrations, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He said such a statement should not have come from a party leader.

"It is bad advice, a bad statement, which should not have come from a

party leader, as he should be more responsible.

"The police's duty is to keep the peace," Abdullah said when commenting on PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang's statement that demonstrators could throw stones at the police.

On Thursday, Hadi told reporters that street protests and demonstra-

tions were effective measures to fight and rally for change.

The PAS president said it was the party's intention to only hold peaceful demonstrations, adding that such protests were the most effective way of expressing mass dissatisfaction.

He also said then that protestors could retaliate by throwing stones at the police if the men in blue behaved

aggressively when dispersing the crowd.

Abdullah however, said demonstrations were not the only way to solve problems.

"It will not benefit the public, it will disturb businesses.

"Demonstrations are also not allowed to be carried out without a police permit," he said here yesterday

after opening the Royal Malaysian Police Force family day celebrations.

Deputy Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan later commented that Hadi's statement meant that PAS was encouraging the public to go against the law.

"We enforce laws and we will take action against those who break the law."