

PM: never gave favours to my kin

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said he had never abused his powers as Prime Minister by giving favours to his family members.

He was asked about a police report filed by Gerak, an opposition non-governmental organisation, on Wednesday alleging that he and former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had abused their powers by according favours to their children.

"I have never misused my powers concerning

my son," Abdullah stressed.

Asked whether he was prepared to declare the assets of his family members, the Prime Minister replied: "That is the right of my family members. There is no need to declare them. There is no wrongdoing on their part that makes it necessary for them to do so.

On whether that would be against his principle of transparency, he said: "This is not an issue of transparency. This is (about) the rights of an individual",