

Clear pepper spray case fast, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi wants those responsible for the pepper spray attack on former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir "Mohamad to be severely punished.

"I regret and am very angry such an incident has happened," he said.

"I have directed the police to take action against those who committed the act," he said.

The matter should be immediately resolved to avoid negative implications and misconceptions among the public.

The Prime Minister also feared that certain quarters would take ad-

vantage of the incident by disseminating rumours, especially through the Internet. As such, the police must solve the case quickly.

Meanwhile, Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Radzi Sheikh Ahmad said he hoped no Umno member was involved in the attack.

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"I'm sorry it happened and I hope Dr Mahathir is OK," Radzi said after a briefing on amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code and Penal Code at his office in Putrajaya.

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