

# Govt to insert 9MP clauses

## Contractors must follow schedule, ensure quality

**PUTRAJAYA:** Contractors involved in projects under the 9th Malaysia Plan have been told to carry them out according to the stipulated schedules and ensure high quality work.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said this stipulation would be included in offer letters the contractors received.

"This will be stated in the forms when projects are being offered to remind them that the projects must be completed according to schedule and the quality of the projects guaranteed," he told reporters after chairing the 100th meeting of mentris besar and chief ministers at the Prime Minister's Office here yesterday.

"Related ministries and the Public Works Department will ensure that they will have complete information on the identities of the contractors."

Abdullah also said that he reminded the mentris besar and chief ministers that they were the chief implementers responsible for the smooth implementation of 9MP projects.

They were also directed to speak to the relevant ministers should any problem arise.

"State governments were told to form special units to speed up land acquisition matters related to 9MP projects," he added.

"This is very important because they need to act fast on applications handled by land office, district office and municipal councils."

He said in view of Visit Malaysia Year 2007 and the country's 50th year of independence, state governments had been directed to make known the proposed events to be held, to coordinate programmes around the country and attract more tourists.

The prime minister also said he had received a letter from several parties over the reported glut of cars in the market, which he described as "quite thick".

"I will go through it carefully. The letter on the matter has just been given to me," he added.

However, he did not identify the parties that had written to him.