

Mohd Said summoned by PM to explain

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JOHOR BARU: Jasin Member of Parliament, Datuk Mohd Said Yusof, has been summoned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to explain the "close one eye" controversy.

Abdullah said the forwarding agency owner would have "to clear a few points" with him and his deputy, Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"I have spoken to Najib and we have agreed that he (Mohd Said) needs to explain his actions at a meeting with us," Abdullah said after attending a musical, *Balada Sang Adiputra* (The Ballad of Sang Adiputra), at the Johor Baru stadium yesterday.

Abdullah said Najib would have the last say on the matter in his capacity as Barisan Na-

sional Whip.

Mohd Said had a brief meeting with the Prime Minister on Tuesday, when he apologised for the incident.

The MP has found himself embroiled in a controversy over his appeal to Malacca Customs to "close one eye" to the import of Indonesian timber which had exceeded the permitted size.

Mohd Said, who had not mentioned that his own company was involved, was subsequently identified by the *New Straits Times* as being the owner of Binyu Sof Enterprise, which had acted as a forwarding agent for the timber.

Abdullah said: "Mohd Said is willing to be investigated and, therefore, we need to thoroughly investigate the matter before taking any action.

"If we find there is a reason for action, we will not hesitate to act."