

Abdullah warns of Opposition tactics

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PM urges voters to return Kelantan to BN for development's sake

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi last night urged the people of Kelantan not to fall prey to the

opposition tactic of dissuading the people to reject development on the grounds that it would raise their living standard.

He said he was saddened when he received a report on the use of such a tactic, which was aimed not only at rejecting the Barisan Nasional (BN)

but also the development that the coalition wanted to bring to the state.

"I only hope that this (report) is not true. I am not able to accept this, what more when the statement comes from the leaders of the current administration (in Kelantan), from the Islam-

ic party.

"This seems to indicate that an Islamic party does not want to achieve progress and excellence for a state that it administers," he said when addressing about 1,000 people at a gathering of Kelantanese organised by the Kelantan Development Council, in

Kuala Lumpur.

Abdullah, who is the Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said he acknowledged that the cost of living will rise in tandem with the change of times and economy depending on the progress the people aspired for in an independent nation. — *Bernama*