



PREMIER SUPPORT: Abdullah vocalising the Umno slogan after giving a speech at the launch of the 'Keluargaku Ahli Umno' campaign at the PWTC yesterday.

Umno hopes for 320,000 new members by June

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KUALA LUMPUR: Umno has launched a six-month membership campaign targeted at recruiting at least 320,000 new members by the end of June.

The campaign themed *Keluargaku Ahli Umno* was launched by president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday.

Abdullah said that while Umno wanted to attract new recruits to ensure that it remained strong, it also put great emphasis on the quality of its members.

"We need the quantity for strength, but at the same time we also need quality to guaran-

tee the success of our programmes," he said.

He reminded party members to remain loyal and united and not be involved in any activity that could undermine the strength of the party.

The Prime Minister also explained why he had disappeared from public eye for almost a week.

"Many people had complained that I have not been making any appearances for a week.

"I have been very busy attending to preparations for the Ninth Malaysia Plan that will be announced soon.

"I need to concentrate on this

because I don't want to disappoint the *rakyat*," he said.

Currently, Umno has over 3.2 million members nationwide.

The family of Tukimin Ramlan of the Air Hitam division in Johor emerged as the family with the highest number of Umno members.

Tukimin, his four wives and 66 children and grandchildren, all Umno members, arrived at Putra World Trade Centre here in two buses.

Apart from certificates of appreciation and plaques, they also received all-expense paid vacation packages to Malacca.