

PM to get feedback from MBs first

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MACHANG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will get feedback from mentris besar and chief ministers over whether they should continue to hold posts in sports bodies.

"I have yet to meet them. I will listen to their explanations. A decision will be made after that," he said here after visiting the site of the planned Moral Rehabilitation Centre here yesterday.

Abdullah, who is on a two-day visit to Kelantan, said this when asked whether the Cabinet's decision on Wednesday to prohibit ministers, deputy ministers and parliamentary secretaries from holding posts in sports bodies would be extended to mentris besar and chief ministers.

He had earlier launched the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a second Sultan Yahya Petra bridge costing RM150mil here.

In announcing the Cabinet's decision on the matter, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said had said mentris besar and chief ministers were not covered by the directive.

Asked if sports associations should have more professionals, Abdullah said it was up to the respective associations.

On the Eastern Corridor Development Plan, Abdullah said Petronas was in the final stages

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of drafting it, adding that it would be presented to the Sultans of Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan.

"Petronas has also briefed the National Investment Task Force on the contents of the plan and the document has now been submitted to the Economic Planning Unit (EPU), of which I am the chairman," he said.

The core industries that are being streamlined under the plan are petrochemical, hand-craft and tourism-based industries.

On another matter, Abdullah said he would appoint a special ambassador to Sudan to represent him in presenting Malaysia's views on ending the conflict in Darfur, Sudan.

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