

PM: Abbas set to calm situation

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MOSCOW: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday called Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, saying he would work towards stabilising the tense situation in Palestine.

Speaking to journalists here, Abdullah said Abbas told him that it would not be easy to do so.

“I suggested to him that it would be good for the Fatah faction to negotiate with Hamas, but Abbas said it would not be easy.”

Abdullah said Malaysia welcomed the lifting of sanctions and resumption of aid to Palestine.

“That is the appropriate thing to do.”