

# 'I prefer a low-key do'

## PM explains why he opted for a private ceremony

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is having a low-key akad nikah (solemnisation of marriage vows) ceremony with Jeanne Abdullah today because he does not want crowds and the situation to get out of control.

"If it is open, there will be too many people. If there are too many people, it may get out of control," he told reporters as well-wishers congratulated him when he was leaving after the launch of the *wakaf* (donated) land development project here yesterday.

The Prime Minister was asked why he preferred to have a private ceremony attended only by close relatives at the Prime Minister's official residence Seri Perdana.

Asked whether he was nervous about the big day, he said, "No such thing. What is there to be nervous about?"

On whether he was prepared for it, he said everything had been arranged properly. "Hopefully, everything will go smoothly," he beamed.

Abdullah said he would bring his wife along on his visits to several states later.

He received *kain songket* and a special framed card wishing him "Selamat Pengantin Baru" and with pictures of him and Jeanne.



**Happy trio:** Jeanne Abdullah with daughters Nadiah (right) and Nadene. — Bernama

"I can wear this tomorrow," the Prime Minister said in jest, referring to the *kain songket*.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdullah Md Zin expressed his gratitude to Abdullah for making time to launch the project.

"We appreciate it that at the eleventh hour, he was willing to be with us."

Jeanne, who was the sister-in-law of Abdullah's late wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, has two daughters, Nadiah and Nadene, while Abdullah has a son Kamaluddin and daughter Nori.