

PM sure BN will retain seat

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is confident that Barisan Nasional will retain its Batu Talam seat.

"God willing, we will win," he said.

However, Abdullah said he had yet to receive the list of seven short-listed candidates.

Asked if the recent fuel and toll price increases would be a factor in the by-election, Abdullah said the Government was just being responsible, adding that it was not a government looking for popularity.

"Although there may be some decisions that have caused discomfort to the people but God willing for those who can think, they would be able to see the wisdom of such actions."

To a question about Proton and its tie up with either Peugeot or Volkswagen, Abdullah said: "A special committee will handle this. I don't want to say anything that may influence the people who are looking over this but what I can say is that any decision made has to place Proton's interest first."