

Me married? Just rumours, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi laughed off talk that he has recently got married, dismissing it as mere rumours.

The Prime Minister was in a jovial mood when asked about gossip on the Internet that he had gotten married.

Speculation that Abdullah had remarried or was about to do so has been rife after recent postings on the Net, especially after one blogger published a fictionalised movie poster with a picture of the Prime Minister posing with a woman.

Subsequently, the blogger posted his "wholehearted apology" which stated, among other things: "At this particular instant, I can only assume that the speculation is true until it is proven beyond reasonable doubt, fictitious."

Some of the postings also suggested that Abdullah was already married to the woman on Jan 22 while others claimed he was married on Feb 22.

To a question by a reporter whether he was planning to get married as spread by talk on the Internet, Abdullah replied: "Itu rumour, itu rumour. (That is a rumour)."

The reporter carefully broached the subject with the Prime Minister, who appeared amused during a press conference after a Bank Negara board of directors quarterly meeting.

"Harap Datuk Seri tak marah. Rumour dalam Internet mengatakan Datuk Seri akan berkahwin (Hopefully, Datuk Seri will not be angry. There are rumours in the Internet saying that Datuk Seri is getting married)," said the reporter.

PM keeps reporters guessing

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Abdullah drew laughter from the floor by replying: "You kata ini nak bagi I marah? That's why you say harap I tak marah? Itu rumours, rumours, rumourslah. (Are you saying this to make me angry? That's

why you say ... hopefully I won't be angry. They are rumours)

Pressed further on whether he was planning to get married in the near future, Abdullah said laughingly: "Rumours, rumours."

The exchange of questions

ended with the Prime Minister saying once again: "Rumour-lah" with a grin before asking to move on to another topic.

"Ada lagi soalan lain? Siapa lagi nak kahwin? (Any other questions? Who else wants to get married)," he said in jest.