

PM wants quality reps

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Perform beyond expectations, MPs told

KUALA LUMPUR: The Prime Minister has urged Barisan Nasional MPs to perform beyond the expectations of their electorate and become "MPs of substance and quality".

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi told the MPs during a Barisan pre-council meeting that they must always update themselves on issues concerning their constituencies as well as on national and global issues.

"This is the only way you can be MPs of quality and substance," Abdullah told them, Tangga Batu MP Datuk Idris Harun said when met after the pre-council meeting yesterday.

Idris said Abdullah advised the MPs not to be emotional in putting forth their concerns as a lot of work could be done in a rational and professional manner.

"He said there would be 1,001 problems and these problems can never be solved all together but that we will be judged on how we manage them," Idris said.

Performing MPs was also what Abdullah desired. He told them that they should be diligent in providing service to their constituents as well as attending Parliament sessions.

Abdullah also told the component parties not to bicker among themselves, said Culture,

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DATUK SERI ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI

Arts and Heritage Minister Datuk Seri Utama Dr Rais Yatim.

Regional and Rural Development Minister Datuk Dr Tiki Lafe said Abdullah told the MPs while they could be critical of the Government during their debate, they should not let their actions bring a bad image to the Government.

"He also told us that we should help maintain the 'feel good factor' among the people. He said the people had a wrong perception that the economy was weak and we have to explain to them the real situation," Dr Tiki said.