

PM slams Opposition claim

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THE Prime Minister feels the statement that the Government has failed to keep its promises until the people have lost confidence is "baseless and merely political talk by the opposition," said Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz.

Replying to Opposition Leader Lim Kit Siang (DAP - Ipoh Timur), the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department said the accusations were "empty" and had been hurled before.

"It just shows that the Opposition is running out of ideas to find fault with the Government. They should instead pay more attention to the country's development agenda," he said during question time.

Nazri, who was answering on behalf of the Prime Minister, said the Government led by Datuk Seri

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Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had put in a lot of effort to bring the country to greater heights.

The absence of Abdullah in the House irked Lim as the question required Abdullah to state the development of promises made over the

last 40 months, reasons for their failure and whether he could restore the public's confidence.

"Why isn't he here? He is not showing a good example especially when he asked the MPs to perform better and more extraordinarily," Lim said.

Nazri said Abdullah had entrusted him to answer the question.

Earlier, Nazri said one of the Government's important policies was to develop the country to achieve Vision 2020, hence the implementation of the five core National Mission.

This, he said, included increasing the country's economic value and knowledge, reducing the socio-economic gap, eliminating poverty, improving the quality of life and enhancing the country's institutions.

