

# Abdullah is as good as he can be, says doctor

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**LUMUT:** Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who looked a picture of health here last night, dismissed reports posted over the Internet that he had fainted while at a function in Teluk Batik near here.

Clarifying what had actually happened, the Prime Minister said he had delivered a short speech when Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Tajol Rosli Ghazali

remarked that he did not look all right.

"That was when I decided to sit down. Then the others on stage started to swarm around me," he told reporters before attending the Barisan Nasional Backbenchers Club (BNBBC) dinner at the Pangkor Laut Resort in Pangkor.

Abdullah, who was dressed in a red batik shirt, was his usual good-

natured self as he fielded questions from reporters.

He said doctors had examined him and cleared him of any health problem.

"They have carried out a series of tests on me, including an electrocardiogram, blood test and recorded my blood pressure. Everything was normal," he disclosed.

The Prime Minister, who had a

hectic schedule yesterday, had arrived in Perak in the morning to close the BNBBC community programme.

He had earlier joined BNBBC members in helping build homes for three families in Kampung Tanjung Burung in Ujung Pasir, Pantai Remis.

"Maybe I was tired and the weather was extremely hot. Coupled with the fact that I did not have enough

sleep the previous night," said Abdullah, who added that he was grateful to God that he was fine.

The Prime Minister's personal physician, Dr Sanjiv Joshi, confirmed that Abdullah was in good health.

"He is as good as he can be. In fact, he wanted to play golf but I was the one who stopped him. His was a simple case of heat exhaustion," he explained.