

Pak Lah: Stop playing up racial issues

KOTA KINABALU: The Prime Minister wants all Malaysian media to stop playing up racial issues and instead focus on stories about the nation's development.

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said matters raised by various delegates at last week's Umno general assembly should not be interpreted as the party's

or the Malays' stand.

"My winding-up speech at the Umno general assembly has been accepted by all Barisan Nasional component parties," he said here yesterday.

Earlier, Abdullah was asked by a reporter for his comments as some newspapers continued to publish stories on racial matters.

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Initially, the Prime Minister appeared to be taken aback by the question and asked the reporter: "Today too?"

When the reporter replied in the affirmative, Abdullah then said the media should stop highlighting such stories.

He said the media should report more about the development programmes taking place.

