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# Hindraf heads with ties to terrorists to be watched

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**BATU PAHAT:** The prime minister has instructed the police to monitor Hindu Rights Action Force leaders and followers who may have links to terrorist groups.

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said should their action threaten national security, the Internal Security Act could be used.

He said he was aware of Hindraf canvassing for support and help from terrorist groups and local gangsters.

"I was informed. My instructions to the police is that the group should be monitored. ISA is an option. I will decide when the time is right. If they are deemed (as a threat to national security) we will know what to do."

Earlier in Segamat at a meet-the-people session attended by 3,000 people, Abdullah said he was puzzled by the actions of certain groups who are bent on berating their own country.

"They tell lies and accuse the government of cruelty and ethnic cleansing."

He said the absurd and extreme actions of Hindraf had caused outsiders who knew nothing about Malaysia to believe those claims.

"Those who are not in the know may be taken in," he said, adding that the government practised power sharing to ensure there was peace



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah at the meet-the-people session in Segamat yesterday.

and harmony in the country.

"This government has the support of the people. It has policies and implements plans for the benefit of the people. It allocates funds and has the machinery to implement those programmes.

"These are important elements that a government must have to develop the nation and its people."

He called on the people to safeguard the political stability and peace they had been

enjoying all this time.

He said the government would always listen to the people when implementing development programmes, including consulting village development and security committees, farmers' organisations, fishermen's association and non-governmental organisations.

He also called on the people to be thrifty, spend wisely and to make provisions for their children's education.