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Don't blame others, Malay entrepreneurs told

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ALOR STAR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Malay entrepreneurs should not blame others or run to the government when they fail in their ventures.

The prime minister said they should, instead, ask themselves why they had failed.

"It is very bad for some of them to quickly blame others, including the government, every time something goes wrong.

"If they don't pass the blame, they sometimes turn quickly to the government for help and this is not good."

Abdullah said Malay entrepreneurs should not be easily satisfied with what they had achieved.

"On Saturday, I spoke to some farmers in Negri Sembilan to carry out some soul-searching to mend their mistakes and to be better farmers.

"The same thing also applies to Malay entrepreneurs," he said when launching the Confederation of Malay Economic Associations (Gabem) for the northern states here yesterday.

Also present were Abdullah's

wife, Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah, Kedah and Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid and Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, and Penang Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abdul Rashid Abdullah.

Abdullah urged Gabem to act as a consultant to Malay entrepreneurs participating in the Northern Corridor Economic Region.

He said the confederation, whose membership comprised successful Malay entrepreneurs, should help their counterparts in

the four states.

Later, when speaking at a meet-the-people session in Pendang, Abdullah said education remained vital for the people, especially in the villages, to improve their lives.

"We are always finding ways to lessen the burden of parents to ensure their children get adequate and quality education.

"From next year, they don't have to pay school and examination fees and this should spur them to ensure their children do better in school."