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# PM: Parents must keep close watch on their kids

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**ALOR STAR:** Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has asked parents to keep a closer watch on their children in light of the abduction and murder of Nurin Jazlin Jazimin.

He said it was every parent's responsibility to ensure the safety of his or her children.

"Children, especially the young ones, do not know much about the world around them.

"Many are very active and ignorant of the dangers and it is our responsibility as parents to minimise the potential risks to them," the prime minister said at the breaking of fast organised by the Kedah state government at the menteri besar's official residence in Menteloon here last night.

Among the 5,000 people pre-

sent were Abdullah's wife, Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid, his Perlis counterpart Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim and their wives.

Abdullah also suggested the setting up of more neighbourhood patrols in housing estates.

"I know we already have Rukun Tetangga sectors in many housing estates but more should be done, especially in crime-prone areas.

"Such activities would also fos-

ter closer relations among neighbours and this would promote greater unity among the people."

He said the people were outraged over the death of 8-year-old Nurin.

"We are all sad and angry over the killing of an innocent child, but we must also do our bit to stop similar crimes from happening."

At the function, Abdullah gave away Hari Raya gifts to eight orphans.