

## UMNO'S PROSPECTS

Your article on Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, which describes him as not being another Mahathir Mohamad, omitted to touch on one other important distinction: Abdullah's family tradition. [**He's No Mahathir, And That's OK**, Dec. 25, 2003-Jan. 1, 2004.] His personal faith will lend him a certain credibility among the Muslim electorate, and help to depoliticize the issue of religion. So instead of the prospect of losing another state to a party that would segregate swimming pools into men's and women's sections, let's hope the United Malays National Organization can win back the confidence of at least

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