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'Parliament won't be dissolved today'

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BANGI: Parliament will not be dissolved today.

The prime minister dismissed intense speculation that he would seek to dissolve parliament on the basis of his penchant for the number 13.

"No such thing," Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi told reporters after the launch of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Institut Islam Hadhari.

Pressed further if today's cabinet meeting would be the last for the 11th parliamentary term, he asked back: "What makes you think it's going to be the last?"

"There will be more (meetings to come)."

Abdullah also said he was satisfied with the performance of Barisan Nasional elected representatives.

He said the party had delivered most of its pledges from the last general election, although some needed more time for the results to be seen.

The prime minister said issues such as hardcore poverty, corruption and economic imbalances were being addressed.

"The people know this, and they can see that the results are coming through."

The institute, among others, is aimed at reinforcing the Islam Hadhari concept in the Asean region and to establish global intellectual networking among Islamic scholars.

Abdullah also simultanouesly launched the Syeikh Abdullah Fahim chair, an autobiography of the late Tun Abdullah Mohd Salleh, a former chief secretary to the government, and a complex in honour of his contributions.

The Syeikh Abdullah Fahim chair was set up to commemorate the prime minister's paternal grandfather's Islamic propagation and pre-independence political role in Penang.

Abdullah described Tun Abdullah, who died two years ago at the age of 80, as a great leader and administrator who was well loved by all those who worked with him and knew him.

"He was both a gentleman and a gentle man, a man who did not live by protocol. Maybe that's why he was so approachable to many."

Abdullah believed the autobiography *Dari ADO ke CEO* would inspire the younger generation.

Earlier, in **Putrajaya**, Abdullah was similarly coy over the date of the coming general election.

"Is it true that tomorrow is the 13th? Are you sure?" he joked to reporters when asked whether parliament would be dissolved today to pave the way for the 12th general election.

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