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Announcements by BN parties brushed off



Special gift: SEGi College chairman Datuk Pahamin A. Rajab presenting a souvenir to Abdullah for launching SEGi College's flagship campus in Kota Damansara yesterday. On the left is Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohd Khir Toyo.

PETALING JAYA: Any announcement on candidates and their constituencies should not be taken as final, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

"No list is finalised. Therefore any statement made by anyone on the subject of candidacy cannot be accepted as something that is final," the Prime Minister told reporters after launching SEGi College's flagship campus in Kota Damansara here.

On some Barisan Nasional parties that already announced their candidates and seats, Abdullah said: "Let them do it. If I change (the list) later then they will be chaotic. I said the list has not been decided upon".

Abdullah declined to reveal when the full list would be announced, adding that once ready it will be revealed together with the Barisan manifesto.



On PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat's statement calling Umno members "orang utan" for not knowing the religion and laws, Abdullah laughed and said there was nothing to comment.

Earlier in his speech, he lauded SEGi College for participating in Putera Umno's Second Chance Scheme to offer opportunities for rural youth who did not get places at institutes of higher learning to obtain academic and vocational skills.

In Malacca, state Barisan chief Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam said the list of candidates would be made known on Friday.

"It is usual for the names to be announced two days prior to nomination. This will allow the selected candidates time to fill in their nomination forms and make preparations for their supporters' procession," he said yesterday.