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Abdullah greeting Barisan supporters at Taman Sri Putra in Kuala Kedah

PM: People back Barisan

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'Smear campaign will not fool them'

ALOR STAR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the majority of the people would back the Barisan Nasional despite the Opposition's smear campaign.

The Prime Minister said he believed such support was not based on "blind loyalty."

"The majority support us because they know what we have done for the country's development.

"The Barisan is strong and powerful only because of the people's overwhelming support," he told a gathering of some 2,000 people at Taman Sri Putra which is under the Kuala Kedah parliamentary constituency.

Abdullah was here to help Barisan campaign in several areas in Kedah, namely in the Kuala Kedah and Jerlun parliamentary constituencies.

He said the Barisan government admitted that there were faults and weaknesses.

"I have never said that I have done everything and that there is nothing more to be done.

"If I say there is no poverty, then why do we still have the poverty eradication programme?" he said.

He advised voters to evaluate information they received and not to judge the Government on mere slander and allegations.

Abdullah later dropped by the Jerlun parliamentary constituency to lend a helping hand to Barisan's Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir who is facing a PAS candidate.

He said Mukhriz was well accepted and the applause he received showed that he had the firm backing of constituents.

Abdullah also said that he would check on an allegation that a Barisan candidate in Kedah had been involved in malpractices.

He said he had told all heads of state governments to carefully vet candidates before nominating them.

Kedah PAS deputy commissioner Mahfuz Omar alleged yesterday that a Barisan candidate and seven other members of a co-operative had been expelled because of an alleged corruption case involving a land purchase.

According to a notice released by the co-operative on Dec 30 last year, the eight were expelled under Section IV of Articles 221 (1) to (5) of the co-operative's by-laws and regulations.