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# PM: Make sure it won't recur

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Bursa Malaysia must fix technical glitch quickly, says Abdullah

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Bursa Malaysia must ensure the technical glitch that saw trading suspended yesterday does not happen again.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Bursa Malaysia must act quickly to fix the problem which was certain to put the Malaysian markets and economy in a negative light.

He denied that the suspension of trading was due to the rapid selling of shares on the market caused by

the current political climate.

"I have been told that it is a technical glitch. If that is so, what can we do?"

"Bursa Malaysia must now act quickly to ensure that its functions are back on track as soon as possible.

"It's very important for Bursa Malaysia to ensure that this does not recur," he told reporters after chairing the first Northern Corridor Economic Region meeting yesterday.

Asked if the suspension of trading was really due to a technical glitch and not rapid selling of shares

caused by the lack of confidence in Malaysian economy and politics, Abdullah said he could not see how this could have happened.

"We are still a safe country. I don't want to be perceived as being in denial but in terms of political stability, what's happening in Umno now because of the impending party elections is not new.

"It's happened before. Similarly, certain chaotic events and activities in Parliament cannot be equated to political instability," he said.

Abdullah singled out the rallies organised by PKR adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as probably con-

tributed to a certain perception of instability.

"Some rakyat want these (rallies). But when they take place, people are afraid," he said.

"We are in control of our safety and security and I mean every word I say," he said.

On the joint exercise by the police and army, Abdullah said there should be no worries as the exercise was for better coordination of the two forces.

"We are not in a state of emergency and this is a stable government, please believe it," he said.

Abdullah said the problem was

that there were too many rumours and there were some "smart people" making up all sorts of stories to create chaos and defame people.

One of the stories he said was that he heard that Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, who accused Anwar of sodomy, was a foster son (anak angkat) to his daughter-in-law's family.

"What is this suppose to mean? Why is there a need to say such things? What is all this?" he asked.

"The rakyat should not be over excited and don't believe in all the stories circulating as the country is peaceful and safe," he said.