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# PM: Priority to people's needs

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## Malaysians fed up with current political bickering, says Abdullah

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is aware that the people are fed up with the political bickering that is going on in the country and has pledged to give priority to the needs of the people.

"I also know that the people are becoming fed up with the political manoeuvring taking place currently.

"Slandering has become more rampant. One no longer cares whether the accusations are true or otherwise," Abdullah said to Bernama yesterday.

He was commenting on the Sunday Star front-page report on the reaction of the people and community leaders over the political exchanges in the past few weeks.

"My main priority is to pay attention to important issues like the rising prices of fuel and goods, and to continue with the development programmes for the people," he said.

"The government wants to ensure a situation where the people need not worry or be afraid. They should be able to concentrate on their priorities in ensuring they can overcome

their current problems and can do their best for themselves, their families and companies or organisations they represent," he said.

"I hope the people will join me in focusing on efforts to overcome all the problems and challenges faced today so that we can ensure peace, security and prosperity for the people," he added.

Commenting on the demonstration organised by certain groups as well as the current political developments, he said that he was perturbed by what was happening now

"but I am aware of and understand the current situation."

"The general election is over. The people have already given their trust to the political parties of their choice. The people have chosen Barisan Nasional to continue to rule.

"As such, I don't see the rationale for the continued demonstrations, or to play politics purely to create instability that could jeopardise the people's safety and it is also aimed at toppling the government elected by the people," he said.

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DATUK SERI ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI