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No need for forum on Malay supremacy, says Abdullah

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PUTRAJAYA: An open forum to discuss the social contract and *ketuanan Melayu* (Malay supremacy) will have negative repercussions and should not be held, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"There is no need to discuss these issues because it gives rise to various reactions from the Malays, including creating animosity and racial tension.

"I do not understand where the loss is if these issues are not discussed. No need to discuss," he told reporters after launching the Bumi Hijau Campaign here yesterday.

Abdullah was commenting on an open forum to discuss the social contract and Malay supremacy organised by the Malaysian Bar Council on Saturday. He said the social contract that had been implemented and followed since independence 50 years ago was well understood.

He said Malaysia was a peaceful country with political stability and racial harmony brought about by a responsible Government.

"The country could be developed because it does not have groups to politicise these issues.

"This Government is a responsible one and its members are from Barisan Nasional component parties," he said, adding that consensus among leaders had been good for years where all had advised one another and worked according to what was stipulated in the Federal Constitution.