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PM to see King over MB issue

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People are exploiting the situation and creating confusion, says Abdullah

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will seek an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin, who is also Sultan of Terengganu, to discuss the issue of the state's Mentri Besar.

"I will certainly be meeting Tuanku on this problem," Abdullah told reporters after delivering his

keynote address at the Invest Malaysia 2008 conference here yesterday.

The Prime Minister was asked to comment on the position of Kijal assemblyman Datuk Ahmad Said, who began his first day of work as Terengganu Mentri Besar at the MB's office in Wisma Darul Iman yesterday morning.

Abdullah said the issue was one that would have to be addressed quickly.

"I'd like to say that there are ways to overcome this problem. I don't think the situation cannot be resolved.

"We know that on the ground, people are exploiting this situation for their own objective which is

creating a lot of confusion. We have to remain cool and at the same time, not be oblivious to what's happening."

Asked whether any disciplinary action would be taken against Ahmad for going against the party leadership in accepting the post, Abdullah said he would leave it to the Umno supreme council.

Abdullah has a scheduled appointment with the King today as the Prime Minister has a regular appointment with the King every Wednesday before the weekly Cabinet meeting.

It is understood that Abdullah will raise the Terengganu issue during his audience with Tuanku Mizan.