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# PM: We want more FDIs

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## Abdullah: The govt will continue to be business-friendly

**PUTRAJAYA:** The Barisan Nasional government will continue its existing business-friendly policies to attract investors and is prepared to offer further incentives to attract more foreign direct investments.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the Barisan government, despite having won only a simple majority in last week's general election, "will look after their interests" and implement policies that suit them.

Abdullah said the priority now was to form a new Cabinet to reassure the investment community of Malaysia's political scenario and ensure they continue to have confidence in the country.

"Those policies which have won the confidence of the investors and the business community will remain, especially the policies that have worked well," he said during a 30-minute interview with Bernama TV in a show hosted by Datuk Zuraidah Atan here last night.

"But the first thing I have to do is form the Cabinet. I want to make sure the people have confidence in the Cabinet. That is very important. There will be new faces certainly."

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Abdullah said he would also ensure that the Federal Government continued to have a line of communication with the Opposition-controlled states so as to ensure the successful implementation of projects.

BN attained a simple majority in Parliament in the just concluded election, losing five states to the Opposition. They were Penang, Selangor, Perak, Kedah and Kelantan.

Abdullah said he would make sure that projects already in place would be followed through as they create jobs and generate new wealth for the people.

"We believe that those projects that we have launched are good projects, good for our economy, for our country and for the people. There's no reason why I should stop just because some states are not run by Barisan.

"I will continue to do that (implement projects). We have to implement that in other places too," he said.

Emphasising that national interest was a priority, Abdullah said he would not stand in the way of foreign investors who wanted to invest in Opposition-controlled states.

When asked what the effects of the challenges following the outcome of the general election would have on him going forward he said, "I like challenges. They make me alive." - Bernama