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'Vision 2020 within reach'

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MISSION: Developed nation status depends on determination, says Pak Lah

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FORMER prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi says the excellent implementation of transformation programmes can enable Malaysia to achieve developed nation status before 2020.

Abdullah credited Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for taking steps to implement the changes under a strong national mission.

Speaking at a talk for Administrative and Diplomatic Services (PTD) officers undergoing training at the National Institute of Public Administration (Intan) here yes-

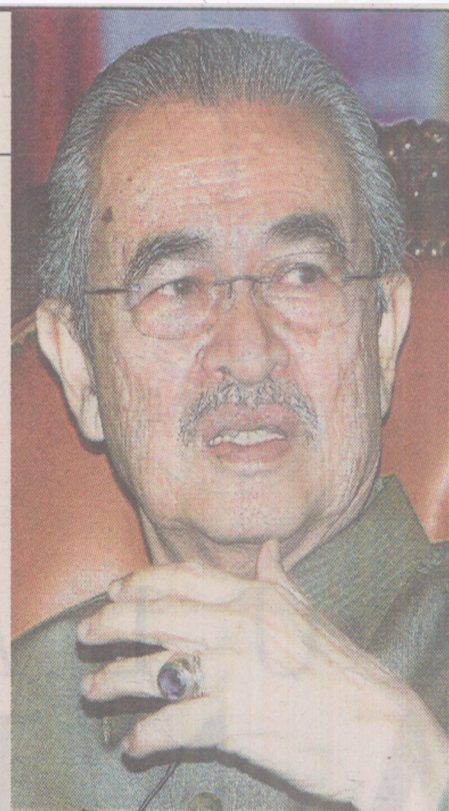
terday, Abdullah said: "Our implementation must be at its best if we are to see the fruition of our ideas under our national mission.

"This is important as we need a strong national mission to achieve a vision."

Abdullah said with a strong sense of mission and dedication, strength of mind and capacity to add value through innovation and creativity, Malaysia could achieve its 2020 vision.

"We might even attain developed nation status before 2020. We can. Why not?"

He said it all depended on Malaysia's capacity and ability, as well as a first-class mentality and



Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi says Islam hadhari has the same objective as the 1Malaysia concept

determination among the people.

Abdullah praised the 1Malaysia concept as an important effort to unite all races, adding that the Islam hadhari concept, introduced by him when he was prime minister, had this same goal.

He later officiated at the handing over of RM41,037.25 collected by the Public Service Department and Intan volunteers team to the Palestinian fund.

The fund had also received contributions from the private sector and individuals.