

Aide to lodge report over fake news of Pak Lah

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's special officer Datuk Jefridin Atan will be going to the cops over the circulation of fake news that the former prime minister has passed away.

Jefridin said he would lodge a report on the fake news about

Abdullah – popularly known as Pak Lah – at the Putrajaya district police headquarters today.

“This fake viral message is pure slander which creates problems for people. The people should be praying for Pak Lah's well-being and long life.

“Death is nothing to joke about. I will leave it to the police to investigate this matter,” he said yesterday.

When contacted, Abdullah's former press secretary Teoh Ai Hua urged people not to share such unverified news, saying that he had met the former prime minister at

his residence on Thursday.

“Pak Lah was fine when we met the other day. I do not understand why people want to make fake news viral,” said Teoh, who is now a lecturer at the Applied Psychology, Policy and Social Work Studies Centre in Universiti Utara Malaysia.

The fake news regarding Abdullah has again caught the attention of social media users after a similar incident on Aug 2, which was also denied by Jefridin.

Abdullah, 81, was Malaysia's fifth prime minister from 2003 to 2009. — Bernama