



Morning lull for the PM

MUCH like in every other home, the day begins at Number 2, Lebuhraya Perdana Selatan, Putrajaya with breakfast, a quick check on the local newspapers to keep up with the news, and then it's off to work.

But unlike other homes, Number 2 is that of Umno's new president, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and family.

Despite a gargantuan schedule, he finds time to start off the day with a power juice made of celery, apple and beetroot, few

slices of bread and a tall glass of warm water.

A simple meal for so important a man who carries the weight of the nation on his shoulders.

Yesterday morning, he shared this treasured quiet moment of respite with Datin Seri Endon Mahmood before heading for the Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre. — NST pictures by Hassan Ismail



PM: Foreigners keen to learn Islam Hadhari

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DATUK Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday several countries have expressed their wish to further discuss the Islam Hadhari (Civilisational Islam) concept with Malaysia.

The Prime Minister said this was conveyed to him by several envoys when they met.

"They said they were willing to discuss (the matter) further with me.

Some wanted a discussion so that they could adapt it for their own use," he said when asked to elaborate on the Islam Hadhari concept which he touched on in his policy speech at the Umno general assembly yesterday.

Abdullah said he had received invitations from several countries, including the West Asian countries, for further discussion on the concept.

"I think that's good, it's something we can share," he said. Abdullah said as explained in his maiden presidential speech, Islam Hadhari was suitable not only for Muslims in Malaysia but also for minority Muslims in non-Muslim countries.

He believed that society on the whole understood the concept which was introduced during the general election last March. However, some still wanted a detailed explanation in a book, so he had purposely explained the topic at length in his speech so that it could be made into a pamphlet for those interested. — Bernama