

**No Need To Criticise Budget - Abdullah  
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PUTRAJAYA, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- The opposition should not criticise the 2012 Budget just because they are desperate to make a statement.

Instead, it should cooperate to implement the budget for the welfare of the people and national development, said former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He described the budget tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as a "good budget" that would benefit the people in general.

"They (opposition) only oppose. They also criticised me when I was prime minister. This is a good budget and I hope the government will implement it quickly," he told reporters after an appreciation ceremony for Artis Pencipta Alam (APA) organised by the Pulau Banding Foundation here.

The ceremony was in appreciation of 11 artistes who were involved in a visit to the Belum Rainforest in Pulau Banding, Grik, Perak.

The visit in July was aimed at upgrading their knowledge in the functions of the forest in the protection of the climate and controlling global warming.

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