

Pak Lah Says He Gave Priority To Vision 2020

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 10 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today he had never placed on the back burner Vision 2020 conceived by the prime minister before him, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I had always maintained that our objective is to achieve Vision 2020. That was what I maintained from the outset and I had never forgotten that.

"In the era immediately after independence, we gave priority to unity, but during my time (as the prime minister), we developed human capital," he told a news conference after launching the 20th anniversary of the Malaysian Institute of Islamic Understanding (Ikim), here.

Abdullah said he did not understand "Mahathirism" as claimed by DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang.

He said every leader had his own way of doing things and, as such, there was no question of him (Abdullah) having ended "Mahathirism" because achieving Vision 2020 was more important.

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