

**No Need To Hold Gatherings To Voice Out Demands - Abdullah  
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TASEK GELUGOR, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- The opposition's move to hold a gathering as a medium to voice out their demands should not become a normal practice in the country as it can bring about negative impacts to various quarters.

Commenting on the gathering mounted by the opposition in Kuala Lumpur today, former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said not all people were keen on supporting such a move and the opposition should not encourage the public to participate in such a gathering.

"They (opposition) have done this too many times before and every time, the crowd was not as large as they had hoped. There's no need to do this again. It only brings about negative impact.

"Even traders and business owners affected by the gathering have made it clear that they cannot support such moves anymore," he told reporters after opening the 14th anniversary celebration of Seni Silat Gayung Fatani Association of Malaysia here Saturday.

Abdullah said instead of resorting to holding a gathering, the opposition could use other medium to voice out their dissatisfactions and demands, including by handing over a memorandum to the government.

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