

**Opposition Leaders Don't Defend Their Seats For Fear Of Losing, Says Abdullah
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KEPALA BATAS, April 5 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi believes the move by several opposition leaders including DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang not to defend their seats in the 13th general election is because they fear the constituents concerned will not vote for them again.

Abdullah said that looking at the way the leaders changed their seats showed that they had not done anything to help their electorates or that they had failed to provide anything to the people in their parliamentary constituencies.

"Of course they have the option to choose any constituency to contest, but looking at the way they frequently change their seats it appears that they did not help their electorates. They had also not brought any development to their constituencies, that's why they opt for other constituencies.

"They also failed to show their capability or any positive development in their own constituencies, so they move to another constituency so that the electorates in the new area would vote for them," he told reporters after a house repair programme by Giat Mara at Pokok Jenerih, here Friday.

He said this when asked to comment on the announcement by Lim who planned to contest in the Gelang Patah parliamentary constituency in Johor instead of Ipoh Timur, where he stood in the last election.

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