

Opposition out of ideas, says Abdullah
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KEPALA BATAS: Former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi took a swipe at the opposition, claiming they have "run out of ideas" following reports of an alleged plan by an opposition political party to create chaos during the 13th general election.

Abdullah said the opposition should respect the democratic process as the people would make the choice via the ballot box on who should run the government.

He said there was no need to stage unruly scenes during the coming general election as the country already has a proper democratic polling system.

"We have been practising a democratic process to elect the government for decades. The people have the opportunity to decide through the ballot box, so I do not see the logic in creating such chaos," he said after handing over "Azam Tani Tekun" equipment to 20 recipients from the Kepala Batas constituency in Pinang Tunggal here yesterday.

Present was Pinang Tunggal assemblyman Datuk Roslan Saidin.

Abdullah, who is also Kepala Batas member of parliament, was commenting on reports over an alleged attempt to create chaos during the general election, based on the purported manual of a political party exposed by a blog.

According to the reports, the manual spells out detailed instructions on how to create chaos to disturb the election process, targeting a number of parliamentary constituencies.

On another matter, Abdullah urged Muslims in Penang to attend the state-level mass prayers for the nation's security forces who are defending the country against foreign intruders under Ops Daulat in Lahad Datu, Sabah.

Abdullah, who is also the programme patron, said the prayers would be held at the Masjid Abdullah Fahim in Bertam here between 3am and 8am on April 6.

The prayers would be led by the Masjid Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah imam, Sheikh Abd Karim Al-Fatani Al-Makki. The programme is organised by the Malay Consultative Council.

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