

Pak Lah vows to run govt his way

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Focus on ensuring benefits for the people

KUALA TERENGGANU: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has vowed to run the Government "his way" to ensure it benefits the people.

The Prime Minister said opposition leaders were only good at criticising and had never praised the Government.

He was commenting on criticism from the opposition parties on the new Cabinet line-up announced on Saturday.

The parties claimed that Abdullah had failed to live up to his promise of setting up a clean and credible government.

"This is what the opposition always says. When have they ever said we have done good things?"

"I will have to run the Government and I will run it my way. I want to make sure the people benefit from what we do," Abdullah told pressmen after chairing a state Umno liaison committee meeting

and meeting leaders of Barisan component parties and elected representatives here yesterday.

On another matter, Abdullah said Felda had been placed under the purview of the Prime Minister's Department because there was a need to give it special emphasis.

He said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak would be responsible for the agency, which was under the former Land and Co-operative Development Ministry.

Abdullah said Felda needed serious attention so that it would become a truly progressive agency in the new era.

"We need to implement programmes for the second generation of settlers as many from the first generation are no longer there.

"And we want to develop small and medium-scale industries based on agriculture," he said.