

# PM: Important to pick an effective govt

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countries where the people resort to street violence before any election.

"It is therefore important for the people to use their rights wisely and pick a government that can serve them effectively.

Abdullah said it did not matter what some people said about him because, at the end of the day, the people would be the judges.

"The general election is very important as the people would assess the performance of the govern-

ment as well as their leaders.

"The people have to think wisely when assessing this performance and the assessment can serve as a guide before they make a decision," he told some 7,000 people at a meet-the-people gathering at the branch campus of the Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) here.

The gathering, in the Permatang Pauh parliamentary constituency, was significant to Barisan as opposition Parti Keadilan Nasional currently holds the seat.

Abdullah said on the way to the function he noticed that the opposition was also in the "flag war", ahead of the March 21 general election.

"I thought I would only see flags depicting the scale (the Barisan symbol). But there were the eye (Keadilan) flags. Even the moon (PAS flag) is shining. Thank you for giving me the warm welcome," he quipped.

About 200 opposition supporters outside the UiTM main gate also waved the PAS and Keadilan flags when they saw Abdullah arriving at the venue.