

10 main principles of Islam Hadhari

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UMNO president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has unveiled 10 main principles that *Islam Hadhari* (Islamic Philosophy of Excellence) aims to achieve.

Stressing that *Islam Hadhari* was not a new religion, new teaching or new denomination, he said it was simply an effort to bring the *ummah* back to the basics and fundamentals of the religion as prescribed in the Quran and *Hadith*.

He said the principles formulated would ensure that the implementation and approach of *Islam Hadhari* would not cause anxiety among any group in

multi-racial and multi-religious Malaysia.

The principles unveiled were:

- FAITH and piety in Allah;
- A JUST and trustworthy government;
- A FREE and independent people;
- MASTERY of knowledge;
- BALANCED and comprehensive economic development;
- A GOOD quality of life;
- PROTECTION of the rights of minority groups and women;
- CULTURAL and moral integrity;
- SAFEGUARDING the environment; and

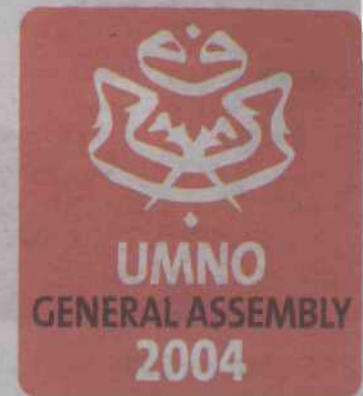
● STRONG defences.

Unveiling them in his address at the opening of the 55th Umno General Assembly yesterday, Abdullah said the principles had been devised to empower Muslims to face global challenges.

Islam Hadhari, he said, was complete and comprehensive, with an emphasis on the development of the economy and civilisation, and capable of building Malay competitiveness.

The glorious heritage of Islam, he added, should be used as reference and source of inspiration for the Malay race to prosper.

"If *Islam Hadhari* is interpreted sin-



cerely and understood clearly, it will not cause Muslims to deviate from the true path," he said.

He also said that it was not Umno's culture to trivialise religion, adding that the party never allowed religion to be used as a political tool.

Abdullah also called for a broader interpretation of the concept of *jihad*.

He said it should cover all aspects of life, including the pursuit of knowledge, mastery of science and technology and economic activities.