

Loyalty to PM of the day

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IPOH: Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli has reiterated that his loyalty is with the Prime Minister of the day.

Thus, he would continue to support Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"For as long as he is the Prime Minister, I will support him.

"In the past, when Dr Mahathir (Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad) was the Prime Minister, I supported him and I was loyal to him.

"And now, if I no longer support Pak Lah, I will resign as Menteri Besar. That is the principle of leadership," he said after chairing the State Executive Council meeting at his office yesterday.

Tajol Rosli (picture) said he was not bothered by Dr Mahathir's criticism of his loyalty



to Abdullah, adding that he still respected Dr Mahathir.

He likened his relationship with Dr Mahathir to that of a father and son, where a son sometimes does not see eye-to-eye with his father but the bond between the two remained.

"There is nothing wrong with this... just a misunderstanding which can be resolved," he said.

Dr Mahathir had said on Monday that Tajol Rosli and Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim were not thinking when they said they gave their full support to Abdullah.

The former Prime Minister had said that he did not want to be supported for doing something wrong, but that he wanted support for doing the right thing.

On why Syed Mohamed Noor Azmi Syed Hassan Nazari resigned as Ipoh Barat Umno Youth chief last Sunday, Tajol Rosli said he was also surprised when informed of the matter.

"We are looking into it and I will meet with Syed Mohamed to get the real picture," he said.