

Govt to study need for panel

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KEPALA BATAS: The Government will study whether there is a need to set up a special commission to investigate allegations that some judges are corrupt.

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the matter involved fundamental rules and policy and had to be discussed properly first.

The Prime Minister confirmed that Chief Justice Tun Ahmad Fairuz Sheikh Abdul Halim had forwarded the poison pen letters sent to him to the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA). The letters had alleged that some judges were corrupt.

Abdullah said it was now up to the ACA to start investigations into the allegations. He was speaking to newsmen after launching the Kepala Batas, Batu Kawan and Nibong Tebal Territorial Army units here yesterday.

On reports that Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) had approved a residential development project just 100m from the landslide site at Kampung Pasir, Ulu Klang, Abdullah said he would instruct the mayor to review the project.

"The approval was apparently given before the landslide incident," he said.

Several newspapers had highlighted the development of a seven-storey apartment project and six-storey town villas on the slope.

Abdullah urged residents who had any information about development projects at hill slopes to alert DBKL.

Later, at a function in Dewan Milenium, Abdullah called on the people to read more and regard books

Pak Lah dreams of World Cup glory

KEPALA BATAS: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi dreams of Malaysia playing in the World Cup football finals one day.

"But that day is not today," he told reporters here.

Asked about his favourite team in the current World Cup line-up, he said he did not have one. "It's too early to tell," he said. — Bernama

as their companions.

"If we are lazy to read, we will have limited knowledge.

"Those who do not like to read will be left out and this will hamper our efforts to be a progressive nation," he said when opening the Kepala Batas parliamentary-level National Education Savings Scheme.

Abdullah said the Government would support initiatives to promote the reading habit and life-long learning.

He also said children should not be deprived of education because of poverty.

"We do not want to hear people stopping their children from going to school because they cannot afford it. That is why we have created this education savings scheme."

At the same function, Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed presented a cash advance warrant for the Kepala Batas National Higher Education Fund to Abdullah.

Abdullah, who is the Kepala Batas MP, also re-launched the Jawi pullout of *Utusan Melayu Mingguan*.



VOLUNTEER FORCE: Abdullah inspecting the Territorial Army troops during the launch of the Kepala Batas, Batu Kawan and Nibong Tebal Territorial Army units in Kepala Batas yesterday.