

PM: There's nothing more we can do

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KUALA LUMPUR: There is nothing more the Government can do if Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and others are still not satisfied or pleased with explanations given on issues raised by the former prime minister.

"We will leave it as it is. If anyone - including Dr Mahathir - is still unhappy, what can we do?" asked Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"But we will give full explanations on the matters raised," the Prime Minister told reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting here yesterday.

The most important thing was to ensure that all explanations were given in the best manner possible, he added, when asked on measures that would be taken by Umno if Dr Mahathir was still not satisfied with the Government's explanations.

The former prime minister had criticised the cancellation of the so-called scenic bridge in Johor to replace the Causeway and the sale of Italian motorcycle maker MV Agusta SpA by Proton for one euro (RM4.57).

Dr Mahathir had also questioned why only a few people



EXPLAINING ALL: Abdullah and his deputy Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak arriving for the Umno supreme council meeting yesterday. Abdullah said full explanations will be given on the matters raised by Dr Mahathir.

had received Approved Permits (APs) for the sale of imported cars although the scheme was to benefit Malay businessmen, and why the contract of Tengku Tan Sri Mahaleel Tengku Ariff as Proton chief executive officer was not renewed.

Proton has since issued a response on issues related to the automotive company.

On whether the supreme council members would meet Dr Mahathir to help resolve the issues, Abdullah, who is Umno president, said the matter was

not discussed at the meeting.

He said they discussed the importance of everyone helping to implement projects outlined in the 9th Malaysia Plan, and that all Umno leaders had been asked to fulfil their responsibilities on the matter.