

Zam: It does not mean Dr M is rejected

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KUALA LUMPUR: The mass support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi does not mean a rejection of his predecessor, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said all leaders leave behind their mark, but sometimes history could be harsh and judgment was passed to depict them as failures.

He said what had transpired in the last few months between Abdullah and Dr Mahathir should be viewed positively.

"History has proven that all leaders have had their share of big political waves and when they complete the tests, they emerge stronger than before," he said here yesterday.

"Similarly, Pak Lah (Abdullah) has shown his credibility by tacking the matter wisely, and many view him as a resilient leader.

"The acceptance of Pak Lah's leadership does not mean a rejection of Tun (Dr Mahathir)."