

PM expresses sadness over Kadyrov's death

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KUALA TERENGGANU: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has expressed sadness over the death of Chechnya President Akhmad Kadyrov in a bomb attack during a Victory Day celebration in Grozny on Sunday.

The Prime Minister said Malaysia abhors violence and such acts were not an excuse to justify any action.

"We must find ways to overcome violence and study what causes it," he told newsmen here yesterday.

In Kuala Lumpur, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Syed Albar said violence and physical force was not the way to solve internal conflicts or conflicts between countries.

"Instead, there should be dialogue and discussions to reach an understanding and a level of acceptance for the people," he said when commenting on the bomb attack in the Chechen capital.

"We extend our condolences to the people of Chechnya, its government and to Kadyrov's family.

"I hope there will be a satisfactory solution to the whole issue," he told reporters after appearing in RTM's *Selamat Pagi Malaysia* talk show at Angkasapuri.