

Adnan: Only the desperate use Mahathir to slam Abdullah

KUANTAN: Those who make use of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to criticise Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi are a "desperate lot", says Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

He named former Pasir Mas

MP Datuk Paduka Ibrahim Ali and former Kok Lanas MP Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad as among those who doing so.

"I have no qualms in naming these people," Adnan told a gathering of about 10,000 people who turned up to give Ab-

dullah a rousing welcome at the Sukpa Indoor Stadium here yesterday.

"They are using Dr Mahathir to criticise Pak Lah," he said.

Adnan repeated the allegations at another function where Abdullah was meeting Pahang

civil servants.

The menteri besar said the people should not to be influenced by the wave of criticism against the Abdullah administration as it would have detrimental effects on unity.

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"Let's move on to more important things, such the implementation of the 9th Malaysia Plan. This is something that the Prime Minister is giving serious attention to," said Adnan.

Adnan said it was unfair to

criticise Abdullah as he had only been in the post for three years.

"If after one and a half terms, nothing moves, then perhaps we can criticise him. But it is still early, give him time," he said.