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Pak Lah: Anwar a threat to security and economy

PUTRAJAYA: PKR adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is a threat to national security and the economy due to his lies, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

He said the Opposition Leader had spread false information overseas about the country's economic stability to the extent of investors reporting that Malaysia was not a good country to invest in due to political instability.

"The country still receives foreign direct investments and is one of the countries which foreigners want to invest in. Even our competitiveness ranking improved from 23rd to 19th position.

"So what is he saying? He is exploiting the trust the people have in him by saying all these, which is not helpful," he said, adding that although there was no tremendous economic development, the country still had made significant progress.

Speaking to reporters at his office with his deputy Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak seated beside him, Abdullah said Anwar ignored positive developments in the country.

Asked how the Government would act, Abdullah said he could not say yet but gave an assurance that any action would be in the best interest of the people and country.

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On Anwar's letter to him, Abdullah said it only touched on national security, the leadership and problems on morality and politics and did not mention anything about the transfer of power to the Opposition.

"He had stated that his letter mentioned about the transfer of power and asked that emergency rule not be invoked but these were not mentioned in the letter that I received," he said, adding that Anwar was confusing the public.

Abdullah reiterated that he would not meet Anwar because his letter had not stated the issues he wanted to discuss.

Najib, who also chairs the Cabinet Committee on Investment, said the investment rate this year was higher than last year and revealed that the Government had approved two big investment projects yesterday.

"We know that Anwar is not able to deliver a lot of his promises and will continue to lie to the people on the contents of his letter to the PM, so please don't hold to his promise too much," he said, hoping that the people would not be victims of his "game".

On the drop in oil prices in the world market, Abdullah said it was good but added that Petronas' revenue would also drop.