

A portrait of Tun Dato' Seri Abdul Hamid Omar, a Malaysian politician, wearing a blue academic gown with gold embroidery and a black mortarboard cap with a gold band and tassel. He is seated, looking slightly to the right of the camera with a serious expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

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