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ABDULLAH BADAWI TAKES OVER AS PULAU PINANG UMNO CHIEF

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has been appointed Pulau Pinang Umno Liaison chief, succeeding Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made the announcement after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting here tonight.

Abdullah was appointed to the post to take over from the former party deputy president who was expelled from Umno on Sept 3.

A day earlier, Anwar was sacked as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

Dr Mahathir also said Acting Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein had been appointed a member of the Supreme Council, the party's highest decision-making body.

In the last meeting, Hishamuddin was appointed acting Youth chief, replacing Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi who had stepped down.

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