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WISMA PUTRA STAFF CONGRATULATES PAK LAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- Officials and staff of the Foreign Ministry today congratulated Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi on his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister.

The Ministry's Secretary-General Datuk Abdul Kadir Mohamad said they wished Abdullah the best and hope for his continued success in his new appointment.

"He is well-liked by the officials and staff at Wisma Putra," he said when commenting on the Cabinet reshuffle today which also saw Abdullah being appointed Home Minister.

Kadir said Wisma Putra officials and staff also welcomed the appointment of Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar as the new Foreign Minister.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made the announcement after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting here today.

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