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ABDULLAH OPENS YOUTH AND WANITA ASSEMBLIES

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- The Deputy Prime Minister and Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today simultaneously opened the Umno Youth and Wanita assemblies in a combined ceremony at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

A total of 689 youth wing delegates and 635 wanita delegates are attending the assemblies held customarily on the eve of Umno's general assembly.

Abdullah's address was followed by that of the youth wing chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein and wanita leader Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

Each wing then held its assembly proper separately to debate the movement leader's key-note speech which dwelled on religious, social and education, among other issues.

The Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the party's 55th general assembly tomorrow at the same venue.

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