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Abdullah happy to be Dr M's deputy

DATUK Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday said he was happy to be deputy to Umno party president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I am happy ... I am his deputy," he said when asked whether he was happy to be Dr Mahathir's deputy.

Abdullah, who is also Deputy Prime Minister, added that Dr Mahathir was the country's leader and that "we are all loyal to him."

"He is our leader today and we are all loyal to him. Dr Mahathir is leading us and there is no dispute about his leadership today," he told reporters after opening the Wanita and Youth joint annual general assemblies at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

He was also asked if Dr Mahathir would continue to lead the party and the country.

To another question, Abdullah said offering prayers for the leaders was the Muslim way of life.

"We pray for Prophet Muhammad, our leaders, our king and those who are important to us.

"Offering prayers is an important element in many programmes that we launch.

"We also think it is appropriate that we continue to ask for blessings for our leaders," he said.

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