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Hamid religious adviser to Dr M

PENANG, Thurs. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today confirmed the appointment of Datuk Paduka Dr Abdul Hamid Othman as religious adviser to the Prime Minister.

"We received his appointment letter from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday," he said. "He will enjoy the same privileges as a Minister."

Abdullah said this to reporters after chairing the State Umno liaison committee meeting at Wisma Umno here today.

Abdul Hamid quit as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department recently.

"Yes, he has received the appointment letter from Dr Mahathir yesterday," he said.

"His appointment should take effect from yesterday as he is not required to take his oath at the Parliament."

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