

Umno division supports Dr M and Abdullah

PENANG: Bukit Bendera Umno division here has pledged support for Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's leadership and expressed confidence that he will become the next Prime Minister.

Division chairman Datuk Ahmad Ismail said it would stand firmly behind Abdullah and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership in the party and the country.

"The question of replacement of the current leadership has never arisen.

"What is important is our undivided support and loyalty," he said in a statement yesterday.

"The country still needs Dr Mahathir as its leader and even in the event that he decides to step down, he has already selected his successor in Abdullah."