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ABDULLAH APPOINTED BN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council today agreed to appoint Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who is also Umno deputy president as BN deputy chairman.

The decision was reached based on the consensus among the BN component parties to create the post.

"The person agreed to as deputy chairman is Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi so that when I am not around, the meeting can be convened without having to hold a meeting to appoint the chairman," said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after chairing the BN Supreme Council meeting here.

The BN meeting today also agreed to set up the BN Youth and Wanita BN wings.

Dr Mahathir said the meeting agreed to amend the BN constitution for the purpose.

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