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Dr M's family supports decision

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to resign from all Umno positions and as Barisan Nasional chairman had received the support of his family.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said although shocked, Dr Mahathir's family respected his decision.

"Nobody expected this from him, everyone of us is shocked.

"This was his personal decision which even his family was unaware of, but they (family members) respect his decision," Abdullah said.

He added that Dr Mahathir had stated that he had no intention of leaving Umno but was of the opinion that he had led the party for too long.

"But we all feel that we still need him," Abdullah said in the presence of all Supreme Council members.

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