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TERENGGANU UMNO, BN SUPPORT ABDULLAH AS DR M'S SUCCESSOR

KUALA TERENGGANU, June 27 (Bernama) -- The Terengganu Umno and Barisan Nasional today unanimously expressed support for Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the successor of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad come October next year.

Terengganu Umno Secretary Datuk Ismail Said said the decision was made at the BN meeting and Terengganu Umno Management Committee meeting chaired by State Umno Deputy Chairman Datuk Idris Jusoh. Datuk Seri Abdullah is the Terengganu Umno Chief.

"We pledge to stand firmly behind Datuk Seri Abdullah and give our undivided loyalty to him so that he will continue with the leadership of excellence in this country," Ismail said in a statement.

The Umno Supreme Council in a statement read out by Umno Secretary-General Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob on Tuesday announced that Abdullah would succeed Dr Mahathir in October next year.

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