

Few govt websites keep up with change

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PETALING JAYA: The changing of the guard in the country's top leadership is reflected in some government websites, which have been efficiently updated in line with the swearing-in of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as Malaysia's fifth Prime Minister.

A check on the Prime Minister's Department website (www.pmo.gov.my) showed that Abdullah's profile and the direct e-mail link to the Prime Minister had been put up since Friday evening, soon after the swearing-in ceremony at Istana Negara.

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, on the other hand,

has joined the ranks of "Past Prime Ministers," with his profile and photos of him lined up along those of Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Abdul Razak and Tun Hussein Onn.

However, some information, such as the list of recent events, remained unchanged as at yesterday.

Another official website affected by the power transition is that of the Finance Ministry (www.treasury.gov.my). As the post of First Finance Minister I, formerly held by Dr Mahathir, has been vacated, a blank spot appears above the profile of Second Finance Minister Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis.

Websites yet to be updated as at yesterday

included that of the Home Ministry (www.kdn.gov.my). The profile on Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, still identifies him as Deputy Prime Minister.

Dr Mahathir's legacy of 22 years at the helm is, however, still evident as many official websites continue to display banners carrying his portraits and "thank you" notes posted in conjunction with his retirement.

The Malaysia Civil Service Link website (<http://mcsl.mampu.gov.my>), for instance, maintains a banner linked to a special dedication site for Dr Mahathir, where the public could continue to post farewell messages and navigate through his photo gallery.