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ABDULLAH CHAIRS BN SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi chaired the Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council Meeting today, a week after being appointed Prime Minister.

The meeting was attended by all the leaders of the BN component parties except the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) which is awaiting the decision of the Registrar of Societies on the party's leadership status.

BN secretary-general Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat said that the agenda included preparations for the next general election.

The meeting is also expected to endorse Abdullah as the BN chairman, taking over from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who has stepped down after being at the helm of the nation for 22 years.

Yesterday, Abdullah chaired the Umno Supreme Council meeting.

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