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ABDULLAH UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED AS BN CHAIRMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was unanimously endorsed by the Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council as chairman of the 14-member coalition today, a week after assuming duties as Prime Minister.

Abdullah, who is acting Umno president, announced this at a media conference after chairing the BN Supreme Council meeting 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.

Abdullah said that BN Youth representative Datuk Hishammudin Hussein and Wanita BN representative Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz attended the meeting for the first time.

He said that Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik had been appointed head of a committee to organise a function in honour of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to be held after Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

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