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ABDULLAH BEGINS DUTIES IN PUTRAJAYA

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today started work at his new office on the 5th Floor, Prime Minister's Office here, after being appointed as Malaysia's fifth Prime Minister last Friday.

He arrived at Bangunan Perdana Putra at 8am and was welcomed by ministers and deputy ministers in the Prime Minister's Department and other staff.

Abdullah exchanged greetings with them before clocking in for work at 8.10am, at the building's foyer.

Earlier, a doa selamat was performed for the Prime Minister.

After the recitation of the doa selamat, Abdullah who is wearing a black suit, uttered the phrase, "Work with me, not for me... but for the religion, race and nation."

Abdullah, 63, took his oath as Prime Minister before Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail at the Istana Negara last Friday.

He took over from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who stepped down after being at the helm for 22 years.

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