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Najib to assume new duty at council meeting

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Razak is expected to assume the duties of deputy president at the party's supreme council meeting tomorrow.

Party acting president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is now in Indonesia to begin his tour of Asean countries.

Abdullah has been Umno acting president since Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad stepped down as Prime Minister and party president in October last year.

Party insiders said that Najib's appointment will help to strengthen the party machinery in facing the next general election and to assist Abdullah to secure a landslide win.