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Abdullah 'touched' by PM's commendation

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today that he was touched by the Prime Minister's remarks on his performance in running the country during his two-month absence.

"I was touched when I read Dr Mahathir's statement in the newspapers today. Thank God , nothing unpleasant happened when I was carrying out my responsibilities.

"I will continue to work hard as usual," said Abdullah, who is also the Barisan Nasional deputy chairman, after chairing the coalition's management committee meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Abdullah had been asked to comment on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that he (Abdullah) had "come through with flying colours" when performing his job as acting Prime Minister.