

# All 'tied' up in red — except Abdullah

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Staff of the Prime Minister's Department "saw red" at their monthly gathering yesterday.

As part of their new corporate image, the staff members wore red ties, shawls or headscarves. They will be required to wear the corporate gear during the monthly gathering and at functions held by the department.

Obviously excited and happy with their new corporate look, some of the employees were seen "checking out" their colleagues' ties and scarves while waiting for the assembly to commence.

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DATUK SERI ABDULLAH  
AHMAD BADAWI

Even Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was seen wearing the red tie with yellow spots on it. So did the Ministers and Deputy Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department and the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Sidek Hassan.

Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, however, apologised for not wearing the 'special tie'.

"I am sorry but I actually chose the wrong tie. This is what happens when you don't listen to your wife.

"This morning, my wife pointed the tie to me and I was thinking, why did she chose a red tie with yellow spots on it?

"I thought (the corporate tie) must be the one with the batik design, so I took this one," he said, pointing to the tie he was wearing.

Only when he arrived at the assembly did the Prime Minister realise that he had chosen the wrong tie.

"Next time, must listen to your wife - only when it comes to dressing up - but not on policy matters," he said to laughter from the assembly.



**Wrong choice:** Abdullah showing the batik tie he had chosen instead of the one picked by his wife for the gathering yesterday. Najib and staff of the PM's Department wore the 'corporate' red ties.