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Abdullah hands resignation letter to king

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had an audience with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin yesterday to hand in the letter relinquishing the post of prime minister.

The letter also seeks the king's

consent to appoint Datuk Seri Najib Razak as his successor.

"It's a matter for Tuanku," he said after the meeting which lasted about an hour.

Abdullah arrived at Istana Negara at 10am and left at 11am, waving to tourists and the 70-odd

foreign and local journalists who had gathered at the palace gate as early as 7.30am.

Najib arrived at the palace 30 minutes later for his audience with Tuanku Mizan.

He did not take any questions from journalists and only said

"thank you" and waved as he left at 12.15pm.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan said the king had given his consent for Najib to be sworn in as prime minister today at Istana Negara.
— Bernama