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EFFECTIVE APRIL 1: Cabinet nod for former PM's appointment following Dr Mahathir's termination

KUALA LUMPUR

THE cabinet has endorsed the appointment of former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as Petronas adviser.

The appointment comes into ef-

fect on Friday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Abdullah succeeded Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad after the latter was terminated from the post by the cabinet on March 11.

"The decision to terminate the ap-

pointment of Dr Mahathir was made by the cabinet since he no longer supports the present government, especially with the launch of the 'people's declaration' with opposition leaders," said Najib yesterday.

On March 11, the cabinet removed

Dr Mahathir from the post of Petronas adviser, as it believed that the former prime minister no longer supported the government, hence, he should not hold any position related to the government.

Abdullah last night said he want-

ed to take Petronas to a higher level.

He said he appreciated the appointment and thanked Najib for the trust.

"I thank the prime minister and the government on my appointment as Petronas adviser." **Bernama**