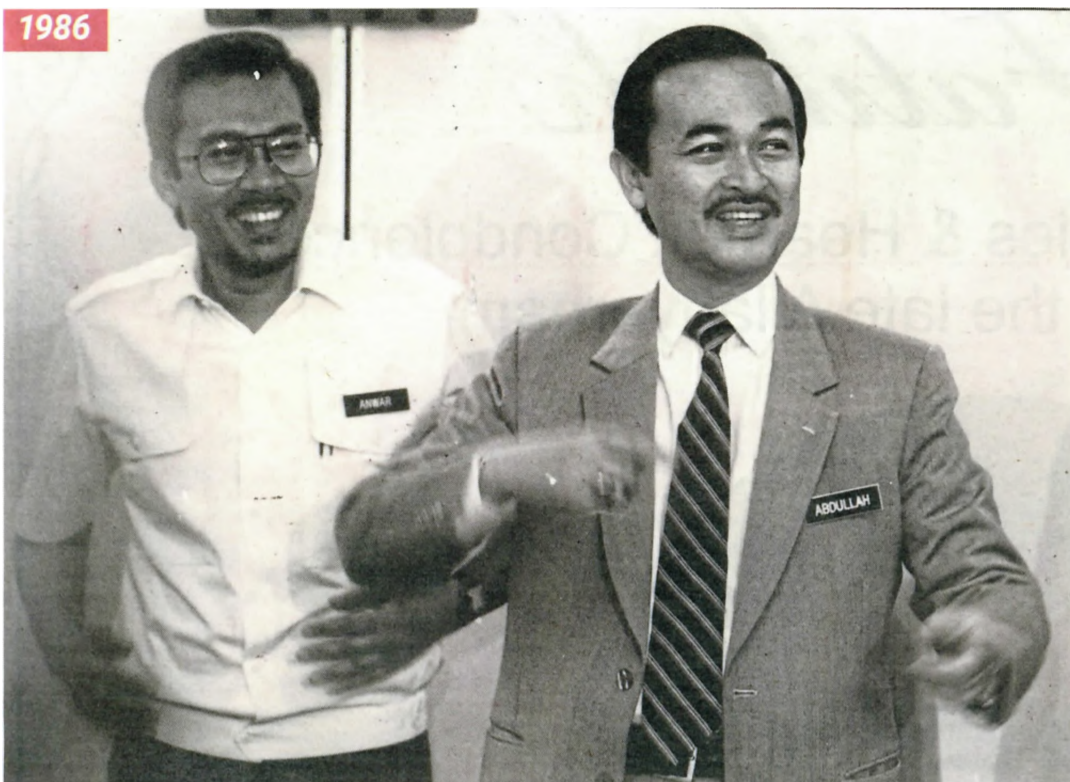


Remembering our Pak Lah

A leader. A family man. A thinker. A writer and poet. Our fifth prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will forever be remembered fondly by many near and far.



'I'm getting out of here': That's what then outgoing Education Minister Abdullah seemed to be saying to then Agriculture Minister Anwar, who succeeded him after a mini Cabinet reshuffle.



A final farewell for a leader



Family in mourning: Abdullah's daughter Nori Abdullah and her husband Khairy Jamaluddin at the state funeral held at the National Mosque in Kuala Lumpur. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star



Malaysia grieves: (Left) Flags at Dataran Merdeka flying at half-mast yesterday as a mark of respect in conjunction with Abdullah's state funeral. - Bernama

2004



1996



Pushing for peace: Abdullah and then Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar (second from left) at the Ministerial Meeting of The Non-Aligned Movement committee meeting on Palestine in Putrajaya. Second from right is Palestine's Foreign Minister Farouk Kaddumi. - RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star



Warm presence: Abdullah waving to the crowd before leaving PWTC after an event in Kuala Lumpur.

2003



Welcome home: Then Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad being received by Abdullah, dignitaries and well-wishers on his return from a working visit to Vietnam.

A great responsibility: Then Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail presented the letter of appointment to Abdullah, officially swearing him in as the fifth Prime Minister, during a ceremony at the Throne Room of the National Palace on Oct 31, 2003.



Last goodbye: (From second left) Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim talking to Tun Jeanne Abdullah while paying his last respects in the main prayer hall at the National Mosque; MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong arriving at the funeral; Singapore's senior minister Lee Hsien Loong together with his wife Ho Ching being greeted by Khairy; and Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh arriving to bid a final goodbye. - Bernama/FAIHAN GHANI - The Star/AFP