

Abdullah Badawi Appointed Petronas Adviser

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 25 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet has endorsed the appointment of former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as adviser of Petroliaam Nasional Bhd (Petronas), effective April 1.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Abdullah succeeded Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, whose service as Petronas adviser was terminated by the Cabinet on March 11.

"The decision to terminate the appointment of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was made by the Cabinet since he was no longer supporting the present government, especially with the launch of 'Deklarasi Rakyat' (people's declaration) together with opposition leaders," he said in a statement here, today.

On March 11 the Cabinet unanimously removed Mahathir as Petronas adviser as it believed the former prime minister was no longer supporting the present government, hence he should no longer be holding any position related to the government.

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