

Pak Lah: People prefer Barisan

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they may not be right. That is why I said, 'work with me.' Together we must work for Malaysia and Malaysians."

He also said he expected the coalition's elected representatives to work hard and inform the Government of problems faced by their constituents.

"They must submit their performance records every three months.

"We want them to stay away from corruption, have good character and meet the demands and requirements of the people.

"I will call them and talk to them if they are not performing."

On voters having rejected extremism, he replied:

"We can see that people like what Barisan plans to do. They prefer us. They like what we are trying to do and the way we want to do it."

On Barisan recapturing Terengganu, Abdullah said the immediate plan was to set up the state government.

Later in Kuala Lumpur, Abdullah took his oath of office as Prime Minister before Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail.

The ceremony, held at the Balai Rong Seri (Throne Room) of Istana Negara, here, was telecast live over RTM.

Raja Permaisuri Agong

Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid was present.

Abdullah was accompanied by his wife, Datin Paduka Seri Endon Mahmood.

Also present were former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Abdullah, 64, signed the instruments of office witnessed by Chief Justice Tan Sri Ahmad Fairuz Sheikh Abdul Halim.

Federal Territory Mufti Prof Dr Yusuff Hussain recited the *doa selamat* (prayers) at the ceremony.