



## Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (2003 - 2009)

### CHRONOLOGY

- 1939:** Born in Bayan Lepas, Pulau Pinang on 26th November.
- 1964:** Graduated with a degree in Islamic Studies from Universiti Malaya. Started his career as Assistant Secretary in the Public Services Department.
- 1965:** Married Datin Paduka Seri Endon Mahmood.
- 1969:** Became the Principal Assistant Secretary at the National Operations Council (MAGERAN)
- 1971:** Became the Director General at the Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports
- 1974:** Became Deputy Secretary General of Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports
- 1978:** Became a Member of Parliament for Kepala Batas. In that same year, he was appointed as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Territory Ministry.
- 1979:** Elected as UMNO Branch Chief for Bertam, and Division Chief of Kepala Batas.
- 1980:** Promoted to Deputy Minister of the Federal Territory Ministry
- 1981:** Elected as UMNO Supreme Council Member, and appointed as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.
- 1984:** Appointed as Minister of Education, and elected as UMNO Vice President.
- 1986:** Appointed as Minister of Defence.
- 1987:** Stripped of his position as Minister of Defence for supporting Musa Hitam of UMNO "Team B".
- 1988:** UMNO Baru was formed, and Tun Dr Mahathir brought Tun Abdullah in as Vice President.
- 1991:** Appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- 1999:** Appointed as Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia after Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim was sacked.
- 2000:** Elected as Deputy President of UMNO.
- 2003:** Became the 5th Prime Minister of Malaysia on 31st October.
- 2004:** Tun Abdullah introduces the National Integrity Plan.
- 2004:** Elected as UMNO President, running uncontested.
- 2004:** The National Front won decisively big in the General Elections.
- 2005:** Tun Endon Mahmood, passed away after she lost her battle with breast cancer.
- 2006:** Tun Abdullah established the 5 Economic Corridors.
- 2007:** Married Tun Jeanne Abdullah on 9th June.
- 2008:** Announced that he would not be contesting for UMNO Presidency, after the National Front's worst election performance.
- 2009:** Stepped down as the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and was replaced by his Deputy, Dato' Seri Najib Razak.

### IN BRIEF

Known as Malaysia's "**Father of Human Capital Development**", Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the fifth Prime Minister of Malaysia, introduced the National Integrity Plan, a master plan to cultivate Malaysians to become an ethical society.

To combat graft, Tun Abdullah set up the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), and to reduce bureaucracy in business-government dealings, he established PEMUDAH (Pasukan Petugas Khas Pemudahcara Perniagaan).

In the economic sphere, he focused on modernising the agriculture sector and initiated plans for various economic hubs including the Iskandar Development Region (IDR) in Johor, the East Coast Economic Region (ECER) and the Sabah Development Corridor (SDC).

With more than 30 years' experience in public administration, Tun Abdullah during his term improved public sector services for the convenience of Malaysian citizens, and established agencies to improve governance.

### FAMILY

**Wife:** The late Tun Endon Dato' Mahmood (1st), Tun Jeanne Abdullah (2nd)

**Children:** Datuk Kamaluddin, & Nori