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`Expel Bandar Tun Razak Umno division chief'

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Twenty branch leaders of the Bandar Tun Razak Umno division have expressed their lack of confidence in division head Tamunif Mokhtar and called for his immediate expulsion from Umno.

Ahmad Ghani of Taman Makmur branch, who acted as spokesman for the group, said they were ashamed by Tamunif's involvement in the reformasi movement which had caused him to be detained under the Internal Security Act and to be asked to submit a show-cause letter by the Umno supreme council.

"We do not have confidence in his leadership. His loyalty to both the party and Umno top leadership is questionable," he said at a meeting attended by some of the branch leaders and about 50 members at the Mint Hotel.

Ahmad said they also expressed their firm support for Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in tackling current issues, especially the economic problem and the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and his expulsion from Umno.

Asked why not all 20 branch leaders attended the meeting, he said the meeting was only to announce their stand.

He said the leaders had agreed on the stand at previous meetings and signed a memorandum which had been sent to Dr Mahathir and Umno secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik.

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