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BALING KEADILAN CHIEF DEFECTS TO UMNO, APOLOGISES TO PM

BALING, Sept 29 (Bernama) -- Head of the Baling Division of the Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) Rafidi Mohamad today resigned from the party and submitted his application form to join Umno.

He also tendered a public apology to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for attacking him at a ceramah here.

"I no longer have any confidence in Keadilan's struggle which has no set direction," he told a news conference at the residence of Kupang Assemblyman Datuk Zainal Mohamad Isa.

Rafidi, 34, a lawyer, regretted for allowing himself to be influenced by the reformasi struggle of Datin Seri Wan Azizah Ismail, wife of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Rafidi handed over his Umno membership application form to Zainol who is also Baling Umno Division Deputy Chief witnessed by 300 Umno supporters.

"Keadilan's influence in Baling will be wiped out following my decision to join Umno," he said.

"Now I have high esteem for the Prime Minister who has brought the country to new heights of excellence through zeal and determination," he said.

"I also deny that certain offers or guarantees have been made to me. I am joining Umno as I am now convinced of its struggle," he added.

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