

**Umno trio like biscuits - Now you see it, now you ...**  
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The resignation of Umno Terengganu assemblypersons in the crisis on Tuesday has been likened to a brand of biscuits, whose tagline was aptly "Now you see it, now you don't".

"The Umno Terengganu political crisis of late has made me smile to myself while recalling the advertisement for the Chipsmore biscuit that we used to see often on TV screens some time ago.

"For any politician who is an assemblyperson, member of parliament or a leader or activist in any position, please hold on to the noble principles of the struggle for the good of the people.

"Principles that are strong enough to stave off the din of the 'sekejap ada, sekejap tiada' (now you see it, now you don't) syndrome," quipped PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat in a statement today.

Calling the capricious departure of the three Terengganu assemblypersons from Umno the "Goodbye Umno gimmick" and "routine politics", he expressed credulity at the speed in which the three reps have flocked back to the fold.

"It is like husband quickly declaring a divorce when a couple faces crisis. But suddenly, they are reconciled," said Suhaizan.

He mused on the number of theories circulating about the possible reasons behind the sudden U-turn of the three Umno reps sarcastically, commenting, "As I have already predicted, Umno politics isn't as simple as 1, 2, 3."

Lim: Resigned over wedding? Seriously?

Meanwhile DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng in a separate statement expressed his doubts over the official explanation that the three reps had acted over a shunned wedding.

"No one believes that the three Terengganu Umno assemblymen quit because of unhappiness over the former Terengganu menteri besar Ahmad Said's daughter's wedding, which the prime minister today even publicly promised that he would attend.

"It is such unprincipled Umno politicians that lead the public to consider that trustworthy politicians don't exist anymore.

"BN must be reminded that if they continue to trivialise the climate of fraud, bribery and

corruption that is presently at a 'rather dangerous' trend, Malaysia will not be able to eliminate poverty and remain stuck in the middle-income trap." said Lim.

He referred to the Malaysia Corruption Barometer 2014 findings that political parties have overtaken the police as institutions perceived to be the most corrupt in Malaysia.

Lim said the Terengganu crisis has "raised questions amongst electoral reform coalition Bersih and A Kadir Jasin former group chief editor of The News Straits Times of underhand tactics and dirty politics".

"Kadir even predicted that the three Umno assemblypersons turned independent candidates could change their minds if the 'price is right'.

"Kadir Jasin's 'price is right' prediction turned out to be proven right," said Lim.

At the onset of the crisis, Kadir posted in his blog, "...politicians can change their decisions at will if the 'price' is right.

"I am not in any way suggesting that the two are being paid to return to the party, but it proves my point that a politician who we could all trust not to change his or her mind is a dead one."

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