

PKR: Umno using teachers as propagandists
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PKR has slammed Umno secretary-general Tengku Adnan Mansor for urging teachers to join politics through BN parties.

According to its communications director Fahmi Fadzil, this is in fact a move to "use teachers" for "narrow political interests" and further politicise education.

"Tengku Adnan's statement is nothing more than to make teachers Umno-BN propagandist.

"This is an unhealthy development for the future of education in the country, and go against the basic philosophy and raison d'etre of the National Education Blueprint promoted by the Education Ministry," Fahmi (left) said in a statement.

He said that as it is, Pakatan Rakyat representatives are barred from entering schools, even for non-political welfare-related activities, unlike BN representatives.

"The disparity will become worse if teachers who side with Umno-BN received better treatment and those who support Pakatan or are neutral face transfers, difficulties getting promotions or worse than that," he said.

Fahmi's remark also comes as a teacher falls under the ministry's radar for her Facebook postings which were allegedly "anti-government".

The postings include one featuring DAP's candidate for the recently-concluded Teluk Intan by-election, Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud.

Federal Territories Minister Tengku Adnan yesterday urged teachers to return to politics under BN's fold, after conceding a past ruling barring teachers from politics was a mistake.

"Be it Umno, MIC, MCA, BN, teachers are the real movers of these parties.

"We may have made a mistake 10 to 12 years ago by not allowing teachers to hold positions in political parties and they were forced to resign (from BN).

"But we have now allowed teachers to be active again (in politics) so I appeal to teachers to come back to us, help us," he told a teachers appreciation ceremony in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

