

Kedah Umno gives full support to Najib, Mukhriz
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Kedah Umno has pledged full to the leadership of Prime Minister Najib Razak and Menteri Besar Mukhriz Mahathir.

Its deputy chairman, Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah said this was agreed at a special meeting of Kedah Umno liaison today in Alor Setar.

He said the special meeting also agreed that Mukhriz should not make a statement on the issue on April 24 in Kuala Lumpur.

"We have also agreed to cancel the Kedah Umno liaison meeting on April 24," he told a press conference after the special meeting at Seri Mentaloon, the menteri besar's official residence.

Mukhriz was not present in the meeting room during the press conference.

The special meeting which began at noon and ended two hours later was also attended by BN state assemblymen in Kedah.

It was chaired by Mukhriz, who is also Kedah Umno liaison chairperson.

All Umno division chiefs were present at the special meeting except Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim (Baling), Jamil Khir Baharom (Jerai) and Mohd Johari Baharom (Kubang Pasu).

The only BN state assemblyman missing from today's meeting was Ahmad Lebai Sudin (Bukit Lada).

Dr M urged to give Najib a chance

Ahmad Bashah, who is also the deputy minister of domestic trade, cooperatives and consumerism, said those who did not attend the special meeting were overseas and had sent representatives.

The meeting also agreed to respect the views of former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wants him to give Najib the time to address the issues raised.

It also supported the prime minister's decision urging the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to conduct an audit of 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

He said the question of Kedah Umno unity did not arise as shown by the special meeting which fully supported the prime minister and the menteri besar.

Asked whether Kedah Umno would take action against Ahmad Lebai for urging Mukhriz to

quit if he failed to support Najib, he said it was up to Umno headquarters.

Ahmad Bashah also said Ahmad Lebai's remark calling on Mukhriz to quit the menteri besar's post was a personal statement and did not represent any party.

Storm in a teacup

Meanwhile a senior Kedah Wanita Umno leader described the political situation in Kedah as 'a storm in a teacup' created by those seeking attention.

Baling Wanita Umno division chief Mashitah Ibrahim said the Kedah Umno leadership is under the control of Mukhriz.

"Demanding others to quit is an old game. Actually those who disagree should quit and not demand others to quit," she told reporters after the launch of 'Skuad Annur' of Kedah Wanita Umno's Religious Affairs Bureau in Alor Setar today.

Mashitah said full support for Najib and Mukhriz is crucial as they are influential figures at national and state level.

"We fully support Mukhriz because he is very special. I think the prime minister knows this," she added.

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