

**Umno's 3.5 behind PM, only one branch against  
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Just one Umno branch calling for Prime Minister Najib Razak to step down over the 1MDB scandal does not reflect the majority voice of the party, says its supreme council member Tajuddin Abdul Rahman.

Umno's support for Najib "is as solid as a rock", Tajuddin said in response to a controversial banner erected by the Umno Bandar Pulau Jaya 2 branch of the Umno Gelang Patah division.

The banner calls upon Najib to resign, amidst the various scandals surrounding him.

Gelang Patah Umno division chief Mohamad Khairi A Malik confirmed the banner was erected by the branch but he claimed they lacked understanding of certain issues.

Bandar Pulau Jaya 2 is located within the Gelang Patah parliamentary constituency.

'We Umno Bandar Pulau Jaya 2 branch have lost our trust in the prime minister and the cabinet. You should resign if you have dignity or accept losing the 14th general election as a result of your ego and greed,' says the banner.

It went on to add: 'Poket didahulukan, rakyat dikorbankan (Pockets are put first, the people are sacrificed), a parody of Najib's 'Rakyat Didahulukan, pencapaian diutamakan (The people are put first, achievements prioritised) slogan.

**'Umno is the ruling party'**

With its 3.5 million membership, Tajuddin said, it wasn't possible for everyone in Umno to be agreeable with the party leadership.

Tajuddin (*photo*), who is deputy agriculture and agro-based industries minister, said it was normal for dissident party members to voice up their unhappiness.

"However, Umno's support for Najib is as solid as a rock.

"The sentiment of this one branch does not reflect the majority feeling of the party," he told Malaysiakini yesterday, adding that the Umno supreme council and all divisions have declared their support for Najib.

"The people from outside can say whatever they like about Najib, but he has got the support of the party.

"In this country, the ruling party is Umno and the prime minister is the president of Umno," the Pasir Salak MP added.

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