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Ahmad asked to leave

PM did not want Kijal man to be at meeting, says rep

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KUALA TERENGGANU: Kijal assemblyman Datuk Ahmad Said was asked to leave an Umno meeting at Seri Perdana in Putrajaya by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi late yesterday.

A senior assemblyman from Terengganu, who attended the joint meeting of the Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan Umno liaison committees, told *The Star* that the Prime Minister requested Ahmad Said, who sat at the rear of a packed assemblage, to leave.

"Prime Minister asked Ahmad in a nice manner to leave as he should not be at the meeting (for defying Abdullah's instruction to support Jertih assemblyman Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh as Mentri Besar)," he said.

The assemblyman said Ahmad had no choice but to leave.

The assemblyman also said those who attend-

ed the meeting were uncomfortable with the presence of Ahmad.

"He went against the instruction of our leadership and he has to face the consequences, that is appropriate," he said.

The controversial appointment of the Terengganu Mentri Besar went ahead despite protests by 22 Barisan assemblymen who staged a 500m march outside the Istana Tetamu here in objection to Ahmad helming the state yesterday.

On the meeting, the assemblyman said all those from Terengganu had their confidence and hope renewed when Abdullah, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and other Umno stalwarts gave them an assurance that Idris would be retained.

"We are returning home with high optimism (that Idris would be retained)," added the assemblyman.

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