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# 'Ku Li has faith in Najib'

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## 'KELANTAN DECLARATION':

More Umno branches will follow suit, say analysts

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UMNO veteran Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah's involvement in the "Kelantan declaration" signed on Thursday signified his confidence in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, political analysts say.

Tengku Razaleigh, better known as Ku Li, signed the declaration

along with 13 Kelantan Umno division chiefs to express their undivided support for Najib, who is also Umno president.

Political pundit Datuk Professor Dr Zainal Kling believed that with this declaration, more declarations from Umno branches and divisions would follow suit, especially after Ku Li's participation.

"Not many are inclined towards (former prime minister) Tun Dr Mahathir (Mohamad)," he told the *New Straits Times* yesterday.

The declaration was presented by Kelantan Umno liaison committee chairman Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed to Najib in Parliament on Thursday.

Umno information chief Tan Sri

Annuar Musa said the declaration was Kelantan Umno's realisation of the importance of supporting Najib's leadership.

Ku Li once teamed up with Dr Mahathir and several other Barisan Nasional leaders, including suspended Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, to voice out against the usage of the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act (Sosma) 2012 following the prosecution of former Batu Kawan Umno vice-chief Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan and his lawyer, Matthias Chang, under the new anti-terrorism law.

Commenting on Dr Mahathir's civil suit against Najib, Zainal said

it was Dr Mahathir's "desperate attempt" to unseat Najib.

"However, I don't think this will have an effect. Umno, under Najib's leadership, is here to stay," he added.

Universiti Utara Malaysia Associate Professor Dr Muhammad Fuad Othman said Ku Li's participation meant that he was toeing the party line, and he believed in Najib and his leadership.

"With this, I think Ku Li has lost his faith in Dr Mahathir and the rest."

Echoing Zainal's sentiments, Fuad said more Umno leaders and grassroots members would come out to back the prime minister.

He added that the opposition, which had joined hands with several Barisan Nasional leaders, would not be able to get enough support.



**Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah**