

Umno Fails In Bid To Be Intervening Party In Former Member's Judicial Review Application
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- The High Court here rejected an application by Umno to be an intervening party in a judicial review case applied for by former Tanah Merah Umno divisional secretary Amran Abdul Rahman to challenge a decision of the Registrar of Societies (ROS).

Justice Abang Iskandar Abang Hashim also did not allow Umno executive secretary Datuk Ab Rauf Yusoh to be listed as the second respondent in the case, and ordered Umno to pay RM3,000 costs.

In his judgement, Abang Iskandar said Umno had inaccurately applied to be an intervening party through Order 15, Rule 6 of the Rules of the High Court when it should have invoked Order 53, Rule 8.

The judge said the proceeding applied by Amran Abdul Rahman also did not involve Umno; on the other hand, all that was needed was a document from the ROS.

On July 13, Amran succeeded in obtaining permission to challenge the decision of the ROS which rejected his application to be provided documents relating to the establishment of Umno divisions and branches in Kelantan.

Amran, 47, who was sacked from his position on Feb 25 last year, filed the application on June 7.

In his application to the ROS on Sept 6 last year, Amran requested for documents relating to the setting up of the Umno Kelantan Liaison committee, 14 Umno divisions and 131 Tanah Merah Umno branches.

When his application was rejected by the ROS on Sept 6 last year, Amran applied a second time to the department but was again rejected on May 10.

Amran who was sacked for going against the Umno constitution, claimed he had the right of access to the documents to enable him to challenge the party.

He applied for an order to strike out the ROS' decision on May 10 and applied for an order of mandamus (court order) to obtain it.

Rauf was represented by counsel Datuk Mohd Hafarizam Harun while Amran by counsel Ragnath Kesavan, and the ROS by Senior Federal Counsel Samsul Bohasan.

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