

**Umno Kedah rep confirms bankruptcy**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 4 — Datuk Syed Sobri Syed Hashim has been declared bankrupt over an unpaid RM8 million bank loan, Bernama Online reported today.

Syed Sobri, who is the state assemblyman for Kuala Nerang, announced this last night at a gathering of some 300 Umno members at his home in Alor Setar.

According to him, the bankruptcy ruling was made by the High Court here in December in relation to a loan he took in 1998 during a bid to list his firm, Kulim Enterprise Sdn Bhd.

The listing was unsuccessful.

Syed Sobri, who now faces disqualification from being a state representative, also said he has informed Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak over his bankruptcy.

He had previously disputed claims of his bankruptcy, saying they were an attempt to tarnish his name and topple him in a by-election.

The Umno Padang Terap division vice chief is a first-term assemblyman who was elected in 2008, when he bested PAS candidate Zawawi Ahmad.

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