

**150 In Padang Serai Quit PKR, Join Umno**  
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KULIM, April 13 (Bernama) -- About 150 members of the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Padang Serai branch have quit the party and joined Umno, according to branch deputy head Johari Teh.

He said the former PKR members had set up the Kampung Beka Umno branch.

Johari, 47, who had joined PKR in 2004, and the others handed over their Umno membership application forms to Padang Serai Umno Division deputy head Abdul Halim Hasan in Kampung Beka Friday night.

Johari said they would set up an operations room to help the Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates contesting in the Lunas and Merbau Pulas state constituencies and the Padang Serai parliamentary constituency in the 13th General Election, polling for which is on May 5.

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