

**Ahmad Said Quits Umno, Becomes Independent Assemblyman For Kijal**  
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KUALA TERENGGANU, May 13 (Bernama) -- Former Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said on Tuesday said that he had quit Umno to become an independent assemblyman for Kijal state constituency.

In a letter to Bernama, Ahmad said he made the decision following his resignation as menteri besar and from all his party posts.

He was joined by Ajil assemblyman Ghazali Taib in quitting Umno and becoming independent assemblyman.

Ahmad, who was first appointed as Terengganu Menteri Besar on March 23, 2008, and reappointed on May 9, last year, announced his resignation from the post yesterday after meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

State Science, Technology and Innovation, Energy, Green Technology and Water Committee chairman Datuk Ahmad Razif Abd Rahman was immediately appointed as the new Terengganu Menteri Besar to replace Ahmad.

Ahmad Razif, 49, took up the oath as menteri besar before Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin at Istana Syarqiyyah here at 9.18 pm yesterday.

With this latest development, Barisan Nasional now only have 15 seats, the same number with the opposition pact as PAS holds 14 seats and PKR one in the 32-seat State Assembly.

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