

Terengganu Umno Advises Party Members To Remain Calm

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KUALA TERENGGANU, May 13 (Bernama) -- Terengganu Umno today advised all party members to remain calm in the wake of the latest political developments in the state.

Its deputy chairman, Datuk Jailani Johari, said they should not resort to any action that would worsen the situation.

"Whatever we resolve to do must in the interests of the party," he said in a text message to Bernama.

Jailani, who is deputy communication and multimedia minister, said he hoped that all Umno members in Terengganu would remain united and look forward to the best solution in the interests of all quarters.

Three Barisan Nasional assemblymen from Umno - Datuk Seri Ahmad Said (Kijal), Ghazali Taib (Ajil) and Roslee Daud (Bukit Besi) - announced early today that they had quit Umno and become independent elected representatives.

The announcement came after Ahmad resigned as the menteri besar yesterday and Seberang Takir assemblyman Datuk Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman was sworn in as the new menteri besar last night.

The resignations have left the Terengganu legislative assembly with 14 representatives from the BN, 14 from PAS, one from PKR and three independents.

Meanwhile, Terengganu Police chief Datuk Jamshah Mustapa said the security situation in the state was under control and people were going about their daily activities as usual.

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