

**Terengganu Political Crisis Almost Resolved – Tengku Putera
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PUTRAJAYA, May 14 (Bernama) -- The political crisis in Terengganu following the reported announcement by former menteri besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said that he had quit Umno, is almost resolved, according to Terengganu Umno Liaison secretary, Datuk Tengku Putera Tengku Awang.

He said from a phone conversation between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Ahmad, what happened in the last two or three days was almost settled.

He said the prime minister had confirmed receiving a calm and the phone conversation with Ahmad, who expressed regret over what happened.

Tengku Putera was speaking to reporters after accompanying new Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman for a meeting with the prime minister together with 13 Terengganu assemblymen at the Perdana Putra building, here, on the latest political developments in the East Coast state.

Tengku Putera said Ahmad was expected to "retract whatever had transpired in the last two or three days".

Ahmad was also to hold a press conference any time soon, he added.

Amid much speculation about Ahmad's position as menteri besar lately, the political situation reached crisis level when Ahmad, who is also Kijal assemblyman, was reported to have quit Umno immediately after Ahmad Razif took his oath of office as the new menteri besar on Monday.

Following this, Ajil assemblyman Ghazali Taib and Bukit Besi assemblyman Roslee Daud were also reported to have quit Umno and become independents.

However, Roslee was reported to have returned to the party on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Razif is optimistic that the two (Ghazali and Ahmad) would return to Barisan Nasional (BN).

"Insyaallah (God willing), I believe he (Ahmad Said) will return to be with us because I know him as I have worked with him for six years," he said.

Abdul Razif said what happened in Terengganu was not as hyped about and it could instead strengthen BN in Terengganu eventually.

"My main task now is to ensure that development is people-centred and that our focus on education and the economy could steer Terengganu to become a developed state.

"It is also important for us to make preparations for the next general election in order to be better prepared to secure victory, while making Terengganu a fixed deposit for BN, as I had promised the prime minister just now," he said.

Ahmad Razif said the state assembly Speaker had also not received anything in writing on the resignation of the assemblymen from Umno to become independents as reported.

"I believe given a bit of time, all the 17 assemblymen that we have could be convinced to remain with us (BN)," he added.

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