

**PAS might not accept you, Shahidan warns ex-Umno reps**  
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The three Terengganu assemblymen's "emotional" decision to quit Umno and become independents may come to nothing as PAS may not accept them, Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim (pic) warned today.

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department told the three state representatives that there was still room for discussion within Umno in order to avert the ongoing state crisis.

"There is still space for us to discuss this. My message to Datuk Seri Ahmad Said and the other Terengganu assemblymen is that they must think about the interests of the Malays.

"If they quit and wish to join PAS, do they believe the party wants to accept them? That is not possible and their political future is no longer bright," Shahidan told The Malaysian Insider.

He said the decision to leave the party was not a wise move.

Shahidan also did not rule out the possibility that the state assembly would dissolve if the Pakatan Rakyat seats outnumbered Barisan Nasional's.

Former menteri besar Ahmad Said, Bukit Besi assemblyman Roslee Daud and Aji assemblyman Ghazali Taib resigned from the party today to become independents.

This was after Ahmad Said was replaced by Seberang Takir assemblyman Datuk Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman, who was sworn in as the Terengganu menteri besar last night.

Their resignations have left Razif with a minority government, as BN now holds 14 seats to Pakatan's 15, with the three new independents completing the state assembly.

Shahidan urged Ahmad and the two other independents to come forward and discuss the problem with the party.

"Ahmad Said must be patient, I too have faced a similar situation when a third party did not wish for me to become menteri besar.

"Despite that, and the disappointment I felt, I did not leave the party," he said.

The ongoing political turmoil has forced deputy Umno president and Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to meet with the former menteri besar this evening, according to sources.

The Terengganu crisis was triggered after Najib authorised Ahmad's resignation letter, which stipulated that he must step down a year after being reappointed the Terengganu MB, following the 13th general election last year.

The letter was to pacify Umno members who were not happy with Ahmad Said's leadership since he took over from Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh as Terengganu MB in 2008.

In his place, Razif, the Seberang Takir state assemblyman, was appointed the new menteri besar last night.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak was said to have made the decision to appoint Razif despite pleas from Ahmad Said to remain as MB for another week to allow for his child's wedding on May 17 to be held at the MB's official residence in Kuala Terengganu. – May 13, 2014.

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