

Former Terengganu MB back with Umno, says Najib apologised over misunderstanding
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Former Terengganu menteri besar Ahmad Said, who caused a stir yesterday when he announced he has quit Umno, today retracted his resignation after he said Prime Minister Najib Razak apologised to him.

"It was a misunderstanding. He apologised to me and I, too, apologised," he told reporters at his house this evening.

Ahmad said Barisan Nasional's (BN) strength has been restored, with 17 representatives in the Terengganu state legislative assembly.

He also said he will support the new menteri besar and will work hard to ensure BN wins in the next general election.

Ahmad Said and Ajil assemblyman Ghazali Taib turned independent hours after Datuk Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman was sworn in as the Terengganu Menteri Besar.

Ahmad told the media that he quit as he was disappointed with Najib's decision not to consider his request to extend his tenure as menteri besar for a few more days.

"I have worked in Umno for a long time. I told the PM that my child's wedding reception is on May 17 and asked for the change of MB to happen after that.

"He told me that was a personal matter, so I told him not to blame me if I quit the party," he was quoted as saying by the news portal.

Today, however, Ahmad Said said the misunderstanding started because Najib had mistakenly thought Ahmad's daughter's wedding was on May 10, not knowing that there were two more receptions, which was to have been held at the official residence of the Terengganu menteri besar this Saturday and in Kuala Lumpur on May 31.

He said his daughter's wedding was a matter of honour to him and when Najib refused to accept his request he had no choice but to resign.

Ahmad Said said that he and Ghazali have both returned to Umno.

"We are still Umno assemblyman... all three have returned and we are back in the party," he said during the brief press conference.

Ahmad's resignation withdrawal letter dated today and addressed to the Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor was also distributed to media personnel.

Earlier in Putrajaya, Bukit Besi assemblyman Roslee Daud who retracted his quit decision from Umno last night, said he had done it out of his own free will and not because of incentives or a payoff from the party's leadership.

Roslee Daud lamented that when he quit the party on Monday, people said he did it because of a kickback.

"When I retracted the decision, people said I had been paid off. There is

nothing, no such thing," he told reporters today when met at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya.

Roslee said his decision had been made out of the spirit of friendship and loyalty with Umno.

"This is the decision which I have made, out of the spirit of loyalty and to continue my struggle with the party."

"Umno did not persuade me to stay. I made this decision on my own," Roslee said. – May 14, 2014.

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