

**Terengganu PAS denies making offers to former menteri besar, says he's a 'flip-flop individual'**  
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Terengganu PAS has denied making any offers to former menteri besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said to join the party during the recent state's political impasse, saying the latter has a penchant to flip-flop on a decision.

State party commissioner Ustaz Satiful Bahri Mamat said they had already foreseen that Ahmad Said would make a U-turn on his decision to resign from Umno.

"Ahmad Said's credibility has never been very convincing as he has always been regarded as something of a 'flip-flop individual'.

"PAS has never met with Ahmad Said and that statement is a lie. We have never offered him anything," he said.

"If any offer was made, it should have been by me in my capacity as the state party commissioner," said Satiful.

"In this issue, we were aware that Ahmad Said is a liability, someone who is known to flip-flop on a decision. I have never personally spoken to him either."

Satiful added that PAS expressed shock over Ahmad Said's decision to leave Umno due to personal issues, adding that the party did not want a repeat of what transpired in the 2009 Perak constitutional crisis.

"As we stated from the beginning, the mandate must be returned to the public," Satiful said.

Asked whether PAS would push for state elections to be held in Terengganu, he said the Islamist party would hold discussions first.

"In light of recent developments, we will give space to Datuk Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman and congratulate him on his appointment as the state menteri besar."

Satiful added that Malaysians were evaluating the quality of Umno and Barisan Nasional's leadership.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak clarified that what happened between him and Ahmad Said was a misunderstanding.

"This was the source of the misunderstanding, but we have cleared that quickly.

"I appreciate Ahmad Said's actions for prioritising Umno's interests above everything else," he said.

Ahmad Said, who is also Kijal assemblyman, triggered the political crisis in Terengganu when he quit Umno hours after he was replaced by Ahmad Razif as the state's menteri besar on Monday.

Ahmad Said's decision to leave Umno led to two other Terengganu assemblymen following suit: Ajil assemblyman Ghazali Taib, and Bukit Besi assemblyman Roslee Daud – putting the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition at

risk of losing its slim majority in the state assembly.

The trio have since retracted their resignation letters from Umno.

Ahmad Said told a press conference at his house in Kemaman yesterday that the crisis had happened due to a misunderstanding over his daughter's wedding date.

He said his daughter's wedding was a matter of pride to him, adding that his resignation had been prompted by Najib's reluctance to agree to his request.

"Najib had thought that the wedding ceremony would be finished by May 10, but there was one more ceremony on May 17," Ahmad Said said.

"Najib apologised to me due to the misunderstanding," he said, adding that the prime minister had also witnessed him retracting his resignation letter.

Ahmad Said, Roslee and Ghazali's U-turn puts BN back with the majority of seats in the state assembly at 17 as compared with PAS's 14 and PKR's 1. – May 15, 2014.

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