

Najib attends wedding reception of former Terengganu MB's daughter
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak today attended the wedding reception of Datuk Seri Ahmad Said's daughter at the former Terengganu menteri besar's residence in Teluk Kalong, Kemaman.

Najib had promised on Wednesday to attend the wedding hosted by Ahmad Said, in what is seen as a sign of reconciliation between the two over the recent political deadlock in the state.

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

His 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 BN 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 on Tuesday 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," said Ahmad Said.

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

Najib, who is also Umno president and Barisan Nasional chairman, said what transpired between him and Ahmad was a misunderstanding.

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

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

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 17, 2014.

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