

Nothing2Hide organiser quitting Umno posts could prompt others to follow suit, says ex-minister
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The decision of the organiser of the botched Nothing2Hide forum to quit all his Umno posts today could prompt other Umno leaders from Johor to do the same, former minister Tan Sri Zainuddin Maidin said today.

In his latest blog post, Zainuddin said that Datuk Khairul Anwar Rahmat's decision clearly had a lot to do with allegations made against the SukaGuam chairman that he had "colluded" with former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad in order to embarrass Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak during the forum.

Najib did not attend the forum due to security concerns even though it was supposed to be a dialogue between him and NGOs, as Dr Mahathir, who had attended the event, instead took the stage.

Khairul's decision to relinquish his posts in Johor Umno Youth can only add to Najib's problems, as it comes just a day after Najib announced that Umno is postponing its party polls, Zainuddin said.

"He (Khairul) is someone who is widely respected and influential in Johor Umno Youth," Zainuddin said.

Khairul earlier today said that he was resigning from all Umno posts in order to focus on the expansion of his law firm.

"But his decision to resign all posts in Umno Johor suddenly will definitely raise questions and will lead to other division leaders in the state doing the same," Zainuddin said.

It said this does not help Najib's plans, as he needs all the strength within the party to focus on the next elections.

This is especially so after the arrest of a former Petrosaudi executive in Thailand that allegedly proved that e-mails implicating 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB)'s dealings with Petrosaudi were tampered with. – June 27, 2015.

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