

**Umno the one betraying Malays, says DAP**  
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A DAP lawmaker has hit out at Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for saying that Malays will lose out if Umno is not in power, adding that it is actually the party which has betrayed the community.

Bukit Bendera MP Zairil Khir Johari (pic, right) said this was seen in how Umno, as the lynchpin of the ruling coalition, had for the past three decades ruined agencies and government-linked companies meant to help and benefit Malays.

These include Felda, which gave thousands of landless Malay peasants jobs and property, and the Pilgrims' Fund Board or Lembaga Tabung Haji, which subsidises costs for Muslims going on the haj or pilgrimage in Mecca.

Zairil said Umno had also turned a Malay-dominated bureaucracy respected and trusted during the 1960s and 1970s into a victim of its iron-fisted rule.

"I am confident that the Malays will not become 'bangsat' in their own land without Umno. But in reality, it is Umno who are who are 'bangsat' for betraying Malays and Malaysia all this while," Zairil said in a statement.

The Malay term "bangsat" can mean bastard, villain or in this context, an outcast.

Zairil was referring to the term used by Najib yesterday in a speech to an Umno division.

According to news portal Malaysiakini, Najib had told Umno members that he would do everything to ensure that Umno and Barisan Nasional remained in power.

"If Umno is not in power, the Malays will be bastards in their own land," Najib said yesterday while opening the Grik Umno division meeting in Perak.

Under the rhetoric of fighting for Malay interests, Umno had caused billions to be lost in the Bank Bumiputera and Bank Negara forex scandals in the early 80s and 90s, Zairil said in today's statement.

He said the latest scandal was 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), a Finance Ministry-owned company which has chalked up RM42 billion in debts.

"In fact, all the good that Umno has done is also being destroyed by Najib's administration," Zairil said, referring to Felda, the land resettlement scheme started by Najib's father and second prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein.

Felda Global Ventures Holdings, a company formed by Najib out of Felda's plantations and other assets, saw its share price plummet by 67% after it was listed on the stock market in 2013, said Zairil.

He added that money from the Pilgrims' Fund Board (Lembaga Tabung Haji) was quietly being used to salvage 1MDB.

The international media has also highlighted cases of misappropriation by Bumiputera financial aid agency Mara, whose top management is controlled by Umno, Zairil said, adding that six of the body's 11 board members are from the party.

"It is clear that the Umno rhetoric to save the Malays is empty talk as they are the ones that are really ruining the community and the country." – August 17, 2015.

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