

**13 Umno branches show no confidence in Najib**  
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**We have no problems if deputy president takes over, says group spokesman**

SEREMBAN: Thirteen leaders of Umno branches in Teluk Kemang, Negeri Sembilan, have urged Najib Razak to step down as party president, saying they had lost confidence in his leadership.

They also gave their backing for deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin to take over, in line with party tradition.

“It is better for the president to step down so that Umno will not be the victim and be punished by voters in the next general election,” said their spokesman, Kamarul Aznan Habibur Rahman, head of Taman TKK Umno branch.

The 13 branches are Kampung Linggi, Taman Selasih, Taman PD Utama, Taman Dato’ Abdul Samad, Sua Betong, Kampung Teluk, Sungai Sekawang, Bukit Tembok, Taman Intan Duyung, Taman TKK, Kampung Pachitan, Bunga Raya and Taman Poli.

“We need to practise the culture of holding the party as more important than the individual, and based on the current situation, the party is more important than the party president,” he was quoted as saying.

Kamarul said the 13 in his group did not fear action against them because the grassroots members had created party leaders, Malaysian Insider reported.

“There are three types of Umno members: those who remain silent and remain oblivious; those who keep quiet and fight for the wrong thing and become rich; and those who fight for the truth and end up nowhere, like us,” he said.

He urged other Umno branches in the country to also speak up.

When asked who would be suitable to take over from Najib, Kamarul said “if the president has problems now, he has to step down and the number two in the party will take over. We have no problems with the deputy president”.

Muhyiddin was dismissed as deputy prime minister in late July when Najib reshuffled his Cabinet.

Kamarul agreed that there was no guarantee Umno would become stronger even if Najib stepped down.

Najib has been under pressure all year, with former premier Mahathir Mohamad at the forefront of a campaign to force him out because of the affairs of the government investment arm 1Malaysia Development Bhd.

A parliamentary confidence motion is awaiting debate, while there is talk of MPs also voting against the 2016 budget tabled on Friday.

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