

**Umno belongs to members, not president, says Terengganu MB  
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Umno belongs to all its members, so anyone in the party can be hauled up and made answerable to the party's constitution, Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Razif Abd Rahman said today.

The party's state liaison committee chairman pointed out that on the same note, Umno is not owned by the party president.

"I believe Umno does not belong to the president. Umno belongs to all and we leave it to the relevant authority in the party to take action.

"I believe the party's disciplinary board is transparent. Any punishment meted out must be based on facts. If there is no integrity, surely the members will protest and this will have an impact on the party," he said.

Razif was asked to comment on stories circulating that Umno is set to suspend its deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin before the party's general assembly in December.

This was said to be in response to Muhyiddin's continuous attacks against party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak over state-owned investment firm 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and the RM2.6 billion "donation" deposited into Najib's personal accounts.

Razif said Terengganu Umno's stand on the matter was clear, which was to save the party and not any individual.

"This is not about Muhyiddin. It is a message that needs to be conveyed to all Umno members, that is, they are subjected to the rules.

"Whoever wants to join any organisation or political party needs to abide by the rules. We want to save the organisation and not the individual," he said.

Razif said suspending members who went against the party's rules was a normal practice in any organisation.

"Discipline in an organisation or party is necessary. If we look at any organisation, suspending or sacking of members who do not support the party or who break the rules is common," the Seberang Takir assemblyman said.

"In Muhyiddin's issue, we leave it to the disciplinary board. If they find Muhyiddin guilty, then I support whatever action that is taken."

He, however, refused to comment when asked if Muhyiddin's statements against

Najib had gone against Umno's constitution or rules.

"I can't answer that because it will be decided by Umno's disciplinary board," he said, adding that he was informed that the matter was still being looked into.

He advised that those who have any complaints against the party leadership should go through the proper channels and not do anything that conflicts with the party's constitution.

"We in Terengganu Umno will continue to support the current party leadership. We stand by the Umno president because he is our leader," he said. – November 1, 2015

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