

BN LOSES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN JOHOR

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(FMT) – **The exit of Jorak Assemblyman Shahrudin Salleh from Umno is historic as it is the first time the BN does not have a two-thirds majority in its stronghold of Johor.**

The Barisan Nasional has, for the first time, lost its two-thirds majority in the Johor State Legislative Assembly.

This follows the departure of Jorak Assemblyman Shahrudin Salleh from Umno to join Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM).

This is significant because the BN can no longer amend Johor state laws unilaterally.

Johor Amanah Chairman Aminolhuda Hassan was quoted by Malaysiakini as saying this would be the first time the Umno stronghold would be governed without a two-thirds majority.

“The composition of assemblypersons in the Johor State Assembly has now changed following the statement from Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia President Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday about the appointment of Shahrudin as the party’s secretary-general,” he said in a statement today.

He said since Shahrudin, the former Pagoh Umno vice-chairman had joined PPBM, he would automatically lose his Umno membership.

“This means that assemblypersons from BN Johor have decreased from 38 to 37, while the Opposition has increased from 18 to 19, assemblypersons in Johor,” he said.

Aminolhuda predicted that even more Johor assemblypersons from Umno would leave the party before the dissolution of the state assembly.

Meanwhile, he welcomed Shahrudin to the Opposition.

He hoped those in the Opposition could all work together to defeat the BN government in the next general election.

DAP Johor Chairman Liew Chin Tong also welcomed the recent development as part of “the broader political realignment at both Johor and national levels”.

In a statement, the Kluang lawmaker pointed out that a realigned Opposition would only need another 10 seats to form the state government.

“There is no doubt that Johor is no longer the bastion for Barisan Nasional.

“We are certainly aware of the difficulties ahead for the Opposition but the latest development nonetheless broke a psychological barrier.”

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