

## **Negotiation is taking place to get UMNO MP to jump ship - Annuar**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- UMNO secretary-general Tan Sri Annuar Musa today disclosed that there are negotiations and bargaining taking place in UMNO to get its Members of Parliament (MP) to jump ship.

Nevertheless, he said it was up to the MP to decide whether to stay or to leave the party.

“They are free to jump to any other party if they want to. UMNO and Barisan Nasional are the only coalition which does not make any agreement with its elected representatives,” he told reporters after attending the briefing on UMNO General Assembly here today.

Annuar also claimed that some of the MP quit the party as they had conflict of business interests with the government.

“Some quit because they don’t want to be frank about their business interests with the government and that the conflict of interests was so huge, they just have to protect their interests,” he said.

Annuar said there were also some MP who left the party due to the pressure placed on them by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

Five UMNO MP, including Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed (Jeli) and Datuk Seri Anifah Aman (Kimanis) had quit the party after Barisan Nasional’s dismal performance in the May 9 general election.

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