

# A house divided: Factions within Umno

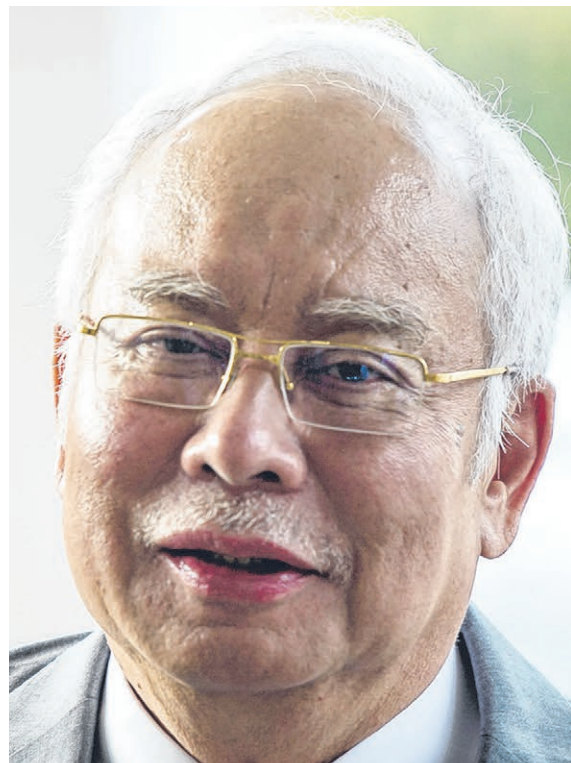
## POWER BROKERS

### Umno president Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and predecessor Najib Razak

- Despite being charged with graft, both Najib and Zahid remain widely influential in the party.
- They command more than half of the party's 39 MPs, making them major power brokers in Malaysia's current political imbroglio.
- Zahid, 67, has agitated for a shake-up of the government of Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, taking advantage of unhappiness within certain sections of the party who have chafed at playing second fiddle to Tan Sri Muhyiddin's Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia.
- Senior leaders like Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz and Datuk Seri Tajuddin Abdul Rahman have urged Umno to terminate its ties with Bersatu, claiming that the Umno grassroots want this.



President Ahmad Zahid Hamidi



Predecessor Najib Razak

## BIG WINNERS IN MUHYIDDIN'S CABINET



Ismail Sabri Yaakob



Hishammuddin Hussein

### Ismail Sabri Yaakob and Hishammuddin Hussein

- As Senior Minister for Security, vice-president Ismail Sabri, 60, is the party's top government official.
- Former vice-president Hishammuddin, 59, holds no national post in Umno. His position as a top leader was cemented after being appointed foreign minister.
- It is believed that some current Umno ministers outside the Supreme Council such as Datuk Halimah Sadique and Datuk Seri Adham Baba will not want to rock the boat.
- These leaders are unlikely to support a shake-up of the current government or a new prime minister in the form of Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim.

## NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



Mohamad Hasan



Khairy Jamaluddin

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- This faction is believed to have no love for the current party leadership, nor the Muhyiddin premiership.
- Deputy president Mohamad, 64, has been at the forefront of those insisting that Umno should not bow to Mr Muhyiddin's Bersatu but strive to reform itself and reclaim its former glory.
- Former youth chief Khairy, 44, has told politicians who are "scheming" to "stop the nonsense... if you don't have the numbers, bugger off".
- Most of these leaders would not want Datuk Seri Anwar to be prime minister. Instead, they prioritise a changing of the guard in Umno.

## DARK HORSE



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- Malaysia's longest-serving lawmaker, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, has offered himself as an interim prime minister until the next general election, due in 2023, following the ongoing political situation.
- It is not known who is backing him, as, to date, none in Umno has openly declared their support for the 83-year-old Kelantanese prince.
- Indeed, the current bid by Tengku Razaleigh to become PM is merely the latest of several attempts since 1987, none of which was successful.