

PM takes a very open approach: Rafidah

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ALOR STAR, Sat. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been adopting a very open approach in his administration, Public Enterprises Minister Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz said yesterday.

She said Cabinet members were free to express their views and had never been restrained from talking during the Cabinet meetings.

She fully supported the Prime Minister but did not want to be labelled as being in the "Mahathir's Group".

"I have my own principles but as Dr Mahathir is the leader now and could be criticised and take suggestions, I give my fullest support to him.

"I did the same when Tun Hussein Onn was the Prime Minister," she told reporters after meeting State Wanita leaders at the Umno headquarters here.

Meanwhile, the the Wanita Umno leadership today called for the resignation of Cabinet members who could no longer contribute to the Government.

Datin Paduka Rafidah, who is the Wanita Umno leader, said these leaders did not honour the trust bestowed on them by the Government and "have stabbed the Government from the back."

"These people who helped formulate the various policies are now attacking the very same policies.

"At Cabinet meetings these leaders have preferred to remain silent but criticised the Government openly outside the meetings."

She said that this sentiment was closely related to the coming party elections.