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Rafidah on accounts: I have been vindicated

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MONTREAL, Sat. - Former Umno Wanita head Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said today she felt vindicated after an explanation was given about the allegedly missing money in the movement's account.

"I feel vindicated. I have always explained that I had nothing to do with (any impropriety concerning the money) and now it is clearly proven," Rafidah said.

"I leave it to the supreme council to decide what needs to be done next if the matter is to be pursued."

"It is a pity if Wanita cannot get back the money. RM1.8 million is a lot of money and Wanita Umno needs it for its programmes.

"I hope the new leaders of Wanita can ensure that the money will be well spent," she said when asked to comment on Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement at the supreme council meeting in Kuala Lumpur today that the RM1.8 million which was said to be missing from the Wanita fund had been returned.

Rafidah, who is International Trade and Industry Minister, was attending the two-day Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation trade ministers meeting which ended today.

She said she only heard the news from the media.

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