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DON'T BE TOO ENGROSSED ON SPECULATING THE NEXT DPM - RAFIDAH AZIZ

KUALA KANGSAR, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz today reminded Umno members not to be too engrossed in speculating who will "go up or leave" the party and government.

Instead, they should devote their time, energy and expertise in seeking ways to revive the country's economy, she said.

He said those who feel that they were qualified for the Deputy Prime Minister's post which is vacant following the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the government on Sept 2 should leave it to God to decide.

It was meaningless for them to scramble for the post if the country's economy was in disarray, she said.

More importantly, attention must be given to strengthen Umno, the government and the country particularly during the current lean times, said Rafidah, who is Kuala Kangsar MP, to reporters after opening the Perak branch of the Kemas Employees' Family Association annual general meeting, here.

The people should focus attention in resolving the economic problems at hand than to waste time predicting who would be elected as Umno Deputy President or appointed as Deputy Prime Minister, she said.

" There is no point in lobbying for the post as this will give rise to problems in future," he said.

Rafidah urged Umno members not to be swayed by temptations to jostle for the post to the extent of resorting to extreme actions.

"They must wait and see for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to make the announcement on his choice for the Deputy Prime Minister's post and we will support the candidate," she added.

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