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Rafidah-Contest

RAFIDAH YET TO DECIDE ON CONTESTING UMNO POSTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz has yet to decide on contesting for whatever post in the coming Umno elections.

"If we are too taken up about contesting, then no work will get done," she told reporters during a break at the Umno Special General Assembly here today.

Rafidah, who is a member of the Umno Supreme Council, however thanked the Wanita Umno movement for voicing support for her to contest the Vice President's post.

She was commenting on the statement by Wanita Umno head Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman last week that the women's wing would support Rafidah if she contested the Vice President's post in the party elections next year.

"That is her right to say it," she said as she smiled.

"Only God knows and would enlighten me if I should or should not contest."

She noted that Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his speech at the special general assembly, had said that in a party there were no permanent friends and permanent foes.

Rafidah said Umno members should abide by Dr Mahathir's advice not to create factions or groups as it could lead to the destruction of the party.

"Outsiders look upon the party as being disunited when Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was expelled and when his followers showed their fanatical support for an individual," she said.

"As such foreigners like US Vice President Al Gore decided to be rude to the country's leadership when they see as though Umno was breaking up."

She added what had happened in Umno could be likened to a minor complaint within a big family and that members should stay united as the threat to the party did not come from within.

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