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UMNO COLLECTS RM500,000 FROM JEWELLERY SALE IN THREE HOURS

IPOH, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- Response to the jewellery sale campaign launched by the Perak Wanita Umno today was most encouraging with RM500,000 worth of jewellery sold in three hours.

Amaluddin Ismail, director of D.S. Jewellers, which bought the items, said most of the party members at the launch sold their jewellery.

He expected the campaign to net RM1 million by Monday even though the shop was offering 18 per cent below the market price.

Amaluddin said the gold would be sold to gold traders in several countries including Singapore Brunei, India and the US.

Meanwhile Perak Wanita Umno head Ainon Khariyah Mohamed Abas said the campaign was in response to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to the women to strengthen the national economy by selling their jewellery and using the money to increase their savings.

The Perak Menteri Besar's wife, Puan Seri Noora Ashikin Raja Abdullah sold RM2,650 worth of jewellery at the launch. -- BERNAMA

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