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Wan Azizah's decision `shows political ambitions'

KUANTAN, Fri. - Parti Keadilan Nasional president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail's decision to contest in the general election shows that she has political ambition.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said today that Wan Azizah's struggle was not just for her husband.

"But it is her right in a democratic country. It is all right but I believe people who are rational will not get carried away by support which is extreme."

Yesterday, Wan Azizah reiterated that she would contest in the general election but the seat had yet to be decided.

Speaking after meeting about 300 members of various women's organisations in the State, Rafidah said a woman, especially a Muslim, who wanted to fight for the cause of her husband should be patient and pray a lot to Allah and not do things which cause people to hate the Government. "But it appears now that she is inclined towards politics. Whatever she does is politically-driven."

"We must remember that support for an individual must not result in havoc within a party, government and society. Our struggle is for the masses, on a party platform. Whoever leads the party is our leader. So, there is no need for us to be obsessed with anybody."

Rafidah said it was also good that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Kelantan Umno chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah had agreed to forgive and forget. "The two have set a good example. Enmity in politics is not permanent if there is a common struggle."

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