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Rafidah: Declaration on campaign done for good of the party

DATUK Seri Rafidah Aziz said she was booed at the assembly yesterday because some delegates were unhappy that she had suggested the candidates sign a declaration not to campaign.

Fresh from her victory in wresting back the Wanita chief's position, she said she was not affected at all with the episode as she had made the suggestion for the sake of the party.

"I was just doing it because of the feeling for the party... I did not know people would be upset with me.

"But it is better for a few people to be upset with me than the whole country booing Umno just because of what I did," she said commenting on the jeers at her at the opening of the general assembly.

Rafidah, who defeated incumbent Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman with a slim 12-vote majority, said it was common for people not to be pleased when someone tried to do something good for the party.

"I don't really mind, as long as the majority of the members understood and supported (my action).

"To me it is not a problem at all, I will just laugh it off," she said.

Rafidah, who drafted the declaration, said she was unaware that some people were unhappy with her action and only learned about this when told by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Dr Mahathir said at the supreme council meeting last week that there were some people who were very upset with me because what I had done had deprived them of what they could have got had campaigning been allowed.

"In fact, the Prime Minister asked me whether I was aware of this and that people were campaigning against me and I said I didn't know."

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