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Rafidah hopeful proposals on Puteri Umno will be accepted

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz has expressed hope that the Umno supreme council will accept the movement's proposals on Puteri Umno.

She said the party's supreme council should seriously consider and not dismiss the proposals made by Wanita members.

Rafidah said the Wanita executive council during its meeting today decided that Puteri Umno's membership be limited to those below 30.

"Most of the Wanita Umno exco members wanted the membership to be limited to those below 25 but I proposed it be increased to 30 to which they agreed although not wholeheartedly," she said adding that she used her veto power in determining the age limit.

The setting up of Puteri Umno, agreed upon by the Umno supreme council on July 10, is to attract younger women to the party.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that Puteri Umno was to cater to young women who were interested in joining the party, but were uncomfortable with wanita Umno which they perceived as being made up of older members.

Rafidah who is also the International Trade and Industry Minister said this to reporters after chairing a two-hour Wanita Umno exco meeting at the party headquarters.

She added that Wanita Umno's decision would soon be conveyed to the party's supreme council and disciplinary and management committee.

Rafidah said the movement also decided to draw out a calendar consisting of programmes to be carried out by the various bureaus.

Earlier, Rafidah presented 4,000 packages of Hari Raya goodies worth RM45,000 to the Armed Forces and police force.

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