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Rafidah-Puteri Umno

WANITA UMNO ONLY WANTS PUTERI UMNO STRUCTURE TO BE SCRUTINISED

PENANG, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno Head Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz has reiterated that the movement had never rejected the formation of Puteri Umno but merely wanted its establishment structure to be scrutinised so that there would be harmony within Umno.

She said Wanita only wanted the structure of Puteri Umno's establishment to be reviewed so that it could ensure an effective bond between Puteri Umno and Wanita Umno as well as Umno proper so that the work of Umno could be carried out together.

"Tomorrow we will have a meeting with Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and we are confident that we would be able to put forward our views on the structure of the establishment of Puteri Umno," she said.

Rafidah, who is also International Trade and Industry Minister, disclosed this to reporters after officiating the opening of the Nur Idaman Silk House Sdn Bhd, here today.

She said no one should accuse Wanita Umno, especially her and her friends, of obstructing the formation of Puteri Umno.

"That would be a lie because we have never blocked it or said that we did not want its formation. It's a good concept. It's an Umno issue and it involves Umno's structure," she said.

She said the establishment structure should not affect Umno's operations at the division and branch levels and there must be a bond in the party structure with the branches and divisions.

There must be coordination between Wanita Umno and Puteri Umno because when they approach voters later, they would be explaining the same issues, she said.

On the lack of women professionals in Umno, Rafidah said these women were busy managing their career and family and most of them did not want to be involved actively in politics.

She said they were Umno members but were not active and with the establishment of Puteri Umno, it was hoped they would participate in political activities that suited them.

"Puteri Umno must attract this group through their own programmes. This task is not simple as they don't want to be active in politics because of their tight schedules. Perhaps there are still some role they can play through Puteri Umno," she added.

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