

Ex-Wanita wing head lauds move to stop money politics

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UMNO's disciplinary board's move in taking action against the party members found guilty of practising money politics could serve as a valuable lesson for others, said a veteran Wanita Umno.

Former Wanita Umno head and Cabinet Minister Tan Sri Aishah Ghani said it was time Umno members take seriously the advice of party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir not to practise money politics.

Aishah, who is currently the Wanita Umno permanent chairman said that if the practice was not wiped out, it would cause the party's collapse.

"Not only leaders must stop practising money politics, grass-roots members must also not be

part of the culture by receiving cash or gifts.

"Continuous monitoring should also be carried out to ensure that money politics was eradicated from the party.

"Members should lodge reports if they know of any such cases," Aishah said.

Former Johor State assembly-woman Datin Sapiah Talib said it was high time the party took stern action against members who resort to money politics.

Sapiah, a pioneer Umno member, said that in the past buying votes using money was alien.

"This practice has to stop and the disciplinary board's decision has surely come at the right time," she added.