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PRESENT LEADERSHIP IS STILL RELEVANT, SAYS WANITA UMNO CHIEF

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno today reiterated its stand that the present Umno leadership, headed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is still very much relevant to the party and the country.

Its chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said only those with their own agenda would think otherwise as they cannot move their agenda forward via the current path taken by Dr Mahathir and Umno.

"Yes certainly, just talk to the grassroots, it is only those people who have their own agenda who feel differently," she told reporters here today on the sidelines of the Umno Youth and Wanita general assemblies.

Rafidah was commenting on claims that the opposition was asking for changes in the present leadership.

She pointed out that party members as well as the people were happy with the present collective leadership approach adopted by Dr Mahathir and his fellow cabinet ministers.

"As far as we are concerned, we are happy with his leadership, it is a collective leadership. Decisions are not made unilaterally in the party nor in the government.

"Whatever it is in terms of implementation that has not been right, we have to be collectively responsible and we will correct it," she added.

She added that it was not for the opposition to say anything about the present party leadership, as they were the ones that ought to be done away with because they failed to lead their (opposition) party or the country anywhere.

"They have no business talking about our leadership, ours is accepted (by the rakyat) and we know where our leaders are taking us for the good of the party and the country," she said.

Hence, she advised members to be cautious over some party members who were only interested in launching their own agenda as this could lead to destruction (of the party).

"We are aware of the signs that are coming and slowly creeping into the party and we should not let infighting detract the major objectives of the party," she added.

She also said it was important for party members to change their attitudes, values and mindsets as this was vital for the struggle and survival of the party.

Rafidah also said Wanita Umno also pledged its commitment to assume a major part and contribute substantially towards efforts to wrest back Kelantan and Terengganu, which was lost to the opposition during the last general election.

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