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UMNO RECOGNISES ROLE OF WOMEN IN GENERAL ELECTION

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today expressed appreciation for the role of Wanita Umno in garnering support for the party to ensure the victory of Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates in general elections.

He said Wanita Umno's role in garnering support for the party through their personal and family-oriented approach was an enormous contribution to the success of BN candidates.

"Wanita Umno has set a high standard, contributing successfully in the nation's political arena. This is widely recognised, with the Opposition now also taking emulative steps to promote the emancipation of women in its political movement," he said when simultaneously opening the Umno Youth and Wanita assemblies here.

He said Wanita Umno had always been a source of strength for Umno and its members had set good and admirable examples in terms of loyalty and sacrifices made in Umno's struggle.

Although the ratio of seats accorded to women as candidates in general elections and positions in government was small compared with their number in Umno, their commitment towards the party had never wavered, he said.

"At every instance of challenge that the party has faced, members of Wanita Umno have diligently and patiently carried out their tasks and duties with the utmost responsibility," he said.

Abdullah said that with the formation of Puteri Umno, the women would play a bigger and more effective role in the party in facing the challenges of today and the future.

The Youth and Wanita assemblies are being held a day before the three-day Umno general assembly which will be opened by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

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