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Wanita BN wants reps on supreme council

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Wanita Barisan Nasional will propose an amendment to the BN constitution to enable the BN Youth and Wanita chiefs to be included in the coalition's supreme council.

Its head Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said this was essential to enable the Youth and Wanita representatives to voice out issues concerning their movements.

"These issues could then be explained to the Youth and Wanita leaders during their movements meeting to enable the leaders to obtain a clearer picture.

"It is high time for us to implement this move. We will send a proposal to the BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on this matter soon."

She said as it would take some time before the BN constitution was amended to include the provision, she hoped the BN Youth and Wanita representatives would be allowed to attend the supreme council meetings, as observers.

At present, Rafidah said according to Section 7 of the BN constitution, the BN supreme council consisted of a chairman, deputy chairman, secretary-general, treasurer and three representatives each from the 13 component parties.

Rafidah, who is also the International Trade and Industry Minister and Wanita Umno head, said this to reporters after chairing the BN Wanita leaders meeting, at the Umno headquarters today.

She said she has also discussed with the BN Youth chairman Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein, to organise the first BN Youth and Wanita convention.

"We feel this is the right time for us to hold a convention to discuss various issues and outline programmes on how we should work together as an entity and help to strengthen the BN.

"Hopefully, the convention would be held within the next three months."

Rafidah said during the meeting, Wanita BN component party leaders have also agreed to increase joint activities at the division, State and national level.

"It is necessary for us to get to know members and leaders of the other party and to increase joint activities to benefit the community.

"The BN parties should also invite members of the component parties for their activities."

She said Wanita BN proposed to have a standard uniform to be used during the official functions. It would have blue background with logos of BN.

"The aim is to standardise our uniform as at present, we have many varieties depending on the party which we represent."