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Make pass in English compulsory, say women

DELEGATES to the Wanita Gerakan assembly passed a resolution urging the Government to make a pass in English compulsory for all school examinations and to teach Mathematics and Science in English only from Form One.

The resolution also called for special emphasis on English in primary schools, an increase in the number of classes for English in all schools and for the Education Ministry to establish more teacher training institutes for university graduates.

On housing, the resolution called for the Housing and Local Government Ministry to enforce projects to make available for sale only houses and condominiums upon completion of construction.

It also asked the Government to provide small and medium industries with more technical and marketing information and support as well as more convenient financial aid.

The women's wing urged the people in Kelantan and Terengganu to use their voting rights and throw out the Pas Government as a sign of protest against the introduction of Pas'Hudud and Qisas laws.

The delegates also expressed their respect for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to relinquish his position as Prime Minister and Umno president.

"We are grateful to Dr Mahathir for staying on to ensure a smooth transition for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi when he takes over the country's leadership. We also pledge our undivided support and loyalty to Abdullah."

Meanwhile, delegates to the Gerakan Youth assembly urged the Government to take legal action against the Terengganu and Kelantan governments for introducing the hudud and qisas laws.

"We urge the Federal Government to initiate legal action to declare the hudud and qisas laws as null and void."

On social matters, the delegates spoke of the need for a conducive environment to foster ties between the various races.

"A committee should be formed in all districts to observe the activities of youth organisations and to ensure that any activity held involves the participation of all races."