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POWER -SHARING ONLY WAY FOR COUNTRY TO PROGRESS, SAYS RAFIDAH

SEREMBAN, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said today power-sharing among the various parties within the Barisan Nasional (BN) had proven successful in a multiracial and multi-ethnic country like Malaysia.

"Clearly, this is the only way for the country to continue to progress and its people to get representation, not a partnership to win elections as in the case of PAS through Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU) with DAP and others in the past.

"The partnership by PAS and its opposition allies was a marriage of convenience, not a permanent partnership," she told reporters after meeting the Negeri Sembilan Wanita Umno members here.

She was asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr mahathir Mohamad's statement today that there was no need to change the power-sharing formula among the various races in the country as it had proven effective in maintaining peace and stability.

Asked to comment on PAS having two manifestos for the next general election -- one for the national and another for the state level -- Rafidah described it as political hypocrisy at the highest level.

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