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WANITA UMNO MEMBERS REMINDED AGAINST JOSTLING FOR SEATS

BATU PAHAT, Jan 3 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno head Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz today reminded members of the movement that they must work hard to ensure victory for Barisan Nasional (BN) instead of just dreaming for candidacy.

She said the movement's plan to seek for additional seats following the delineation of electoral boundaries did not mean that Wanita Umno were assured of being allotted more seats.

"Work first and perform your task wholeheartedly. Our objective is not to merely book for seats but to achieve victory for BN," she said in her speech at the launch of the Johor Wanita Umno Activity Book and aidilfitri get-together at the Kolej Universiti Teknologi Tun Hussein Onn, near here.

Rafidah said seat allocation for the next general election should not become an issue in the movement because BN was not made up of only one party.

"Let us (Wanita Umno) not jostle for seats...the same goes for other parties in the BN too. What's the point of getting nominated but then lose in the election," she said.

She also said Wanita Umno should not worry about the transition of power that would take place in October when Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad retired.

"What is important is to show that the transition of power in Malaysia is peaceful, hand the party over to the new leader smoothly and do not create problems," she said.

On social problems in the country, Rafidah said Wanita Umno should play a major role in the family in tackling such problems to ensure they did not spread.

"We have 1.2 million members and if Wanita members look after their respective families, such problems will not occur at home and we can create a happy family which will contribute toward national prosperity," she said.

At the function, Rafidah presented the Johor Wanita Umno Activity Book to all Wanita Umno divisional heads.

Also present was Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman.

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