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WANITA UMNO MUST ACCEPT CHOSEN CANDIDATES

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno members must accept the candidates chosen by the party leadership for the general election and support them to ensure their victory, their leader, Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, said today.

She said that they must also continue to give their sincere support to the party leadership and work work hard to win the election.

"For example, if a leader has been chosen by the party leadership to contest in any constituency, Wanita Umno cannot question why he is chosen and not another candidate.

"We accept the candidate because he is the party's candidate and we work for the party's victory," she told reporters after addressing the Wanita Umno general assembly here.

Rafidah said that if Wanita Umno members felt aggrieved and disappointed, they should it to themselves and instead work for the chosen candidate's victory.

"We keep it to ourselves and don't discredit the candidate because of it nor make representations to reject the candidate.

"This is a tradition that we must continue in Wanita Umno. I'm just making this reminder because sometimes, we forget, so don't be a problem to the party, we're going to have a general election," she said when asked to comment on the reminder that she had made in her speech.

Earlier, in her speech, she said that Wanita Umno members must let the party leaders know that they had their sincere and continuous support besides making constructive criticisms in the interest of the party.

She said that if Wanita Umno did not get to contest the seats it wanted she would keep the disappointment to herself and not lobby for the seats.

She also reminded the members to heed party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice not to make representations to Seri Perdana asking for certain candidates not to be accepted after Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had named them.

She said it was not the wing's tradition to lead deleations to the party leaders to question or make threats over the selection of candidates.

Although they might have their own candidates whom they adored, they must bear in mind that their top idol was Umno and not certain individuals, she added.

She also advised the members not to let the issue of candidates become a problem for the party to get the votes and support of the people.

"Women can calm the situation. If the men won't heed our advice, let them be, but don't let's cause a problem. Can you promise that?," she said to a resounding "aye" from the 660-odd delegates.

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