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RAFIDAH WELCOMES ASSET DECLARATION ORDER

KUALA LUMPUR, April 5 (Bernama) -- International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz has welcomed the directive to all Barisan Nasional (BN) elected representatives to declare their assets by end of next month.

"This has been the tradition. We've been declaring our assets since the era of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We've done it once every two years and this is part of a normal routine," she told reporters after the 2004 Annual Dialogue for her ministry.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday instructed all BN elected representatives to declare their assets and that of their families.

The Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders have unanimously endorsed the Code of Ethics aimed at keeping the coalition's elected representatives under check.

The code, which covers their conduct at all times, is to ensure that they carry out their duties with greater efficiency and transparency.

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