

**Kamilia apologises, aims to raise number of women MPs**  
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Former Umno Wanita deputy chief Kamilia Ibrahim (below) has apologised for contesting as an Independent in the Kuala Kangsar parliamentary constituency.

However, in her Facebook posting today, she said that she hopes to raise woman's membership and participation in Parliament.

"I want to apologise to those who have been hurt by my actions. I also forgive those who have hurt me. Let us pray that Allah will always support our efforts," she said in a video posted on her official Facebook last night.

"We need to get more women into Parliament. We need your ideas, manpower, and whatever help that you can offer for this campaign.

"Let's do it together! Message me now if you want to help, see you there," she said in another Facebook posting this morning.

Kamilia also explained the reason for her move, in another video posting, saying that she did not get any letter of authorisation from her party to be a candidate.

"If we are not given such a letter by the party and according to the democracy which we practise we can contest as (an Independent) candidate if we fulfill all the requirements as a candidate by the Election Commission," she said in the short video clip uploaded last night.

It was reported that the Wanita party machinery was affected by three days of mourning over Kamilia's shocking move.

Umno Wanita chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, (right) who is not contesting, was reported to have pacified the members after meeting them earlier this week.

Caretaker Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak visited Kuala Kangsar today, when he make his rounds of the silver state.

During the visit this morning, the BN chief directed his speech at her, saying those who had left Umno will be abandoned by the people.

While not naming anyone, Najib's words were an obvious reference to Kamilia.

"Why? Because they know that even if the individual is gone, the party will still be in power, (and) that the struggle can be continue.

"It has been proven in our history, that those who left the party, the people will abandon him as well," he said.

Besides Kamilia, the Kuala Kangsar parliamentary seat also sees BN's Wan Mohammad Khairil Wan Ahmad pitted against PAS' Khalil Idham Lim Abdullah.

Umno sacked Kamilia on Monday for contesting as an Independent.

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