

**Rosnah to Puteri Umno: Be a trendsetter not follower**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - Puteri Umno should be a trendsetter and not a trend follower to gain due respect for its struggle, which represents the younger generation, its chief Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin said.

She said that Puteri Umno, representing modern-day generation of Malay fighter, should be more aggressive in coming up with programmes for the people.

"In the struggle for the cause, there are voices calling for the disbandment of this movement. Why are there such talks? There must be a reason ... is it because there are people seeing us not fully committed to the party's struggle?"

"We should restore our fighting spirit. We should close ranks irrespective of whether we are holding posts or not," she said at the Puteri Umno general assembly at Putra World Trade Centre here Wednesday.

She also said that the movement, which was set up in 2001 and now has 347,378 members, fully supported Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's call for change.

Rosnah also expressed confidence that the movement would be able to be a "magnet" to attract the younger generation towards the party and help Barisan Nasional win convincingly in the 13th general election.

"We, as the younger generation and trained as second echelon leaders, should show a bigger commitment because it will be us who will be leading the country in the future," she said.

Meanwhile, she urged the government to exempt those with a monthly income of RM4,000 and below from paying the income tax, saying this would help the people cope with the current cost of living.

"To strengthen the quality of education, Puteri is suggesting that more schools be opened to provide skills training," she said.

To help reduce social problems among the younger generation, like baby dumping, she said, reproductive health should be introduced as part of the science curriculum in primary school.

A total of 785 delegates attended the assembly. - Bernama

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