

'Raise bumi corporate equity to 60%

MALACCA'S Puteri Umno representative Azlieza Azizan says the party wing wants the Malay corporate equity ownership to be raised to 60%.

"We have been tolerating the private sector for too long. They apply strict regulations to make it difficult for us to find a place (in the market)," she said in her debate.

She also took to task those who labelled Puteri as "bimbo" who were only good for carrying flowers at functions.

"We have the ability to draw votes to enable the current leadership to continue to win overwhelmingly. We want more MPs from Puteri. Therefore, we hope the central leadership will allocate more funds for us to conduct more activities," she said, adding that Puteri had equal status as Youth and Wanita.

She said it was inappropriate to compare Puteri with umno Putra which is just a cadet team.

On education, Dermawati Osman (**Kedah**) said: "We support the meritocracy system which will help us gain knowledge. We have to study hard to compete with other ethnic groups.

"We hope the government will grant more scholarships to Malay students to produce more experts in various fields. The education system should be reviewed to produce quality and excellent Malays."

Johor's Para Dila Awang said the method of teaching science and mathematics should be reviewed to enable Malay students to compete with non-Malay students:

"In Chinese primary schools, they allocate extra time to teach

the two subjects in English. That is the reason why they can excel in the two subjects," she added.

On the media, Dermawati said newspapers should refrain from sensationalising stories like the divorce of celebrities, the spat between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and former premier Tun Or Mahathir Mohamad.

"The media should instead expose issues of public concern such as *halal* products," she said.

On social problem, **Pahang** Puteri's Norydal Othman: Men who commit rape should be castigated. This is because rape cases continue to rise despite severe punishments under the Penal Code which include imprisonment and whipping.

Penang Puteri's Arbaayah Termizi: Mat Rempit (illegal racers) in Penang chased the police and threw stones into a police station. We are ashamed because those involved were Malay teenagers. They thought they are heroes, it does not matter if they die, but how if they are limping here and there?

Perlis Puteri's Azlina Che Azni: Malays should be a master in this land since 400 years ago. However, it has changed today. We have lost the pride. We only own about 20% of bumi putra corporate equity since the implementation of the New Economic Policy. If our equities continue to drop, can we still be a master in our homeland? Even now our per capita income is still behind the Chinese and Indians.

We are still behind the Chinese and Indians. So are we a puppet or a master?