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# Ignore Dr M, Wanita urged

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**KOTA BARU:** Ignore Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to quit Umno.

That was the advice Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz gave to members.

Rafidah urged members to give their full support to the party at a meeting with the state Wanita Umno at Umno building yesterday.

More than 200 people attended the meeting.

She said Wanita Umno members would add more problems to the present situation if they became involved in Dr Mahathir's game.

Rafidah, the MP for Kuala Kangsar, said she would continue to explain to Wanita Umno members on the issue and also other issues, including Barisan Nasional's showing in the recent general election, so that members would get the real information.

"Such meetings started recently and, so far, I have gone to several states, including Selangor, Perak, Sabah and Kelantan.

"I will explain to members that the action by the former president to resign from the party is not a good example.

"He has been telling us to be loyal to the party, but he is not. He only knows how to talk but has no responsibility.

"Apart from that, I will explain to them the real cause of BN's loss in the last election."

Rafidah blamed "hypocrites" in Umno for the problems that beset the party.

She said their "yes, boss" attitude, even when they had different views, contributed to



Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz with Wanita Umno Kelantan members at a meeting in Kota Baru yesterday.

the problems in Umno.

"With that kind of attitude, it is unfair for the (BN's) dismal showing in the March 8 general election, to the extent of losing five states to the opposition and two-thirds majority in Parliament, to be solely attributed to the party's top leadership, especially party president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi."

"When problems crop up, they ask for the captain to be replaced. You cannot do that," Rafidah added.

Also present at the function were state Wanita Umno liaison chief Senator Wan Hazani Wan Mohd Nor and all the state division heads.

The next meeting will be held in Kedah and Perlis today, with the road tour expected to

end next month.

Speaking to reporters later, Rafidah said it was important for the movement to explain Dr Mahathir's action so as to avoid any misunderstanding on the country's leadership by Abdullah.

"I hope they will open their eyes this time and realise that when he (Dr Mahathir) was the prime minister for more

than 22 years, he repeatedly reminded us to support and respect the party leader but now, he's the one who has betrayed it," she said.

On party elections, Rafidah said all Wanita chiefs had been told to make preparations.

"If problems arise, I hope they will settle it among themselves and avoid raising them during the meetings."