

**Wanita Umno To Focus On Unity, Discipline At Umno General Assembly Debate**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno is to focus on unity and discipline in the party during the debate at the 2011 Umno general assembly which begins here tomorrow, its chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said Monday.

She said it is important for these aspects to be discussed in preparation for the "battlefield" of the next general election to ensure victory for Umno and the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"Wanita Umno will propose that focus be given to unity and discipline. When the election machinery is strong in terms of discipline and focus, I believe we can face the general election with resilience and achieve victory," she told a news conference in the run-up to the party general assembly, here.

Shahrizat, who is women, family and community development minister, emphasised that Wanita Umno was not only the backbone of the party but also an important asset which can provide stability to it.

She also said that Wanita Umno would not budge from its focus and sincerity of striving for the religion, people and nation.

"Where is there no problem in politics? Moreover, the opposition, fearful of Wanita Umno's strength and unity, is attempting to destabilise us.

"But, we remain resilient. Ours is an agenda of construction, not destruction.

There is no other agenda," she said, adding that the wing now has 1.3 million members.

When pointed out that there is a possibility many Umno candidates for the next general election may come from the wing, Shahrizat said that would depend on the decision of Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

She said Wanita Umno had raised the matter of fielding more women candidates several times with the party president.

"I and the wing's executive committee place our trust in the wisdom of the party president and I believe he will give more women the opportunity to contest. Wanita Umno will focus on the preparation for the next general election in all its programmes. We will go all-out,"

she said.

Shahrizat also said that Wanita Umno delegates would speak with professionalism and objectivity during the debate at the assembly and provide useful suggestions.

"In my 30 years in Umno, I have seen our delegates deliver their speeches with confidence, without faltering. None of us takes the stage for our personal agenda," she said.

Meanwhile, Wanita Umno vice-chief Datuk Kamalia Ibrahim, who is chairman of the Wanita Umno resolutions committee, said the resolutions to be brought up this time would seek to strengthen the party's election machinery and express loyalty and support for the party president.

"We want continuity in Umno's political power. This requires a pooling of resources and effort, and we must emphasise unity, loyalty and passion for Umno.

"We want Wanita Umno to deliver the message of the plan and transformation initiated by our president. This is very important," she said.

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