

**Wanita Umno Solidly Behind Shahrizat  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno delegates today voiced their commitment to give their solid support to the movement's head, Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil who is being attacked with various slanders and unfounded allegations.

Kuala Terengganu Wanita Umno committee member Rozalina Mokhtar described the Wanita Umno head as an 'iron lady' who was unafraid to face the slanders hurled by the opposition.

"When I heard her (Shahrizat's) policy speech this morning, I was fluttered and could not suppress my emotion. I was sad and angry, but it had also driven me to be more committed in continuing the Wanita Umno struggle," she said when debating the motion on politics at the Wanita Umno General Assembly 2011, here Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Tanah Merah Wanita Umno head Dayang Saniah Awang Hamid described Shahrizat as a leader who was never tired of leading the movement to ride the political turbulence, particularly when facing the next general election.

"Datuk Seri (Shahrizat) have confidence that we in Wanita (Umno) are united and solidly support Datuk Seri's leadership. Give us any task, and we will carry them out.

"Have no fear and don't be afraid, continue to lead us and continue the struggle," she said.

Semporna Wanita Umno head, Manis Muka Dara said the Sabah Wanita Umno was most satisfied with Shahrizat's leadership.

"The Sabah Wanita Umno are solidly with her in facing any party that disputes the leadership of the Wanita Umno leader," she said.

Tanjong Karang Wanita Umno head Datuk Habibah Mohd Yusof, when tabling the motion on politics, criticised the opposition for launching slanderous attacks on Shahrizat.

"The Wanita Umno head is now the target of the slanders by the opposition. They are resorting to personal attacks against Umno leaders when they run out of ideas," she said.

The motion was seconded by Merbok Wanita Umno head Hapsoh Ahmad who, among other things, pledged to continue to give full support to Shahrizat. During the debate on the motion on the economy, several Wanita delegates called for the monopoly by men in government-linked corporations (GLCs) to be broken to give an opportunity to the women.

Assistant secretary of the Bukit Gelugor Wanita Umno, Ekafarlina Saparuddin, when seconding the motion, said there were many women with potentials to hold key positions in such corporations.

"I call on the Wanita head to appeal to the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak) to increase the number of senior positions for women in all sectors," she said.

The proposal was supported by Langkawi Wanita head Mariyam Othman who wanted the duration to hold key positions in GLCs to be limited to 10 years.

The motion was tabled earlier by Jasin Wanita Umno head Zaleha Bujang who wanted the government to give more opportunities to Bumiputera women entrepreneurs so that they could improve their enterprises.

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