

Wanita Umno marks big day with carnival
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KUALA LUMPUR: Wanita Umno yesterday set aside politics to celebrate Mothers Day in a truly 1Malaysia fashion.

Hundreds of mothers and a few fathers from all races gathered around the movement's tent at the party's 66th anniversary carnival outside the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil to join its chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil in commemorating the day.

Even when they had to take shelter from heavy rain on the partially covered stage and nearby tents, participants, who carried badges with the words *Saya sayang ibu* (I love mother), remained upbeat throughout the two-hour event.

"I am happy because mothers from all races have come together to celebrate Mothers Day," Shahrizat said.

"This symbolises how much we appreciate the contribution of mothers to their families, society and country," she added.

Shahrizat and her guests also cut a 1.8m rectangular cake while the crowd sang *Happy Birthday* to wish every mother in the country Happy Mothers Day.

"I would like to remind all Malaysians that no matter how much the country has progressed, we should never forget our mothers."

Speaking after the event, Shahrizat said Wanita Umno would set up a secretariat to help stay-at-home mothers increase their income by providing them training.

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