

**UMNO: Wanita Umno Can Be Fielded In GE13, Not Just Working Behind The Scene**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno members have excellent potential and credibility that can ensure victory for Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) in the 13th general election - not just from behind the scene, but as party candidates, its chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Jalil said.

She said as the party's female warriors, Wanita Umno members had the spirit that could not be shaken, come what may.

"As the results of the transformation made by Umno President Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, approximately 30 per cent of women in the country have been given the opportunity to be decision makers in the public sector...but let us not forget that women can also be active in politics and don't ever think that we are not qualified.

"To make the paradigm shift (to become a candidate) is not easy, but it is possible," she said when winding up the debate at the 2012 Umno General Assembly here Saturday.

Shahrizat said Najib's recognition for Wanita's struggles could become the talisman for Wanita leaders to continue defending the race, religion and country.

"The recognition has put Wanita at the same level with Umno Youth and Puteri in facing the challenges and obstacles," she said.

At the same time, Shahrizat also stressed that women were the determining factor in each general election as they made up the highest number of voters in the country.

"As at June 2012, approximately 6.51 million out of 13.6 million voters registered in the country are women.

"This shows that women can be the determining factor for Umno and BN victory in the next general election," she added.

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