

**GE13: Najib: Kamilia more suitable for state post**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Wanita Umno deputy chief Datuk Kamilia Ibrahim was offered to contest the Bukit Chandan state seat in Perak but she rejected the offer, said Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said she was also offered an executive councillor's post if Barisan Nasional forms the Perak state government after the general election.

“She rejected the offer because she wanted to contest a parliamentary seat. We thought that she was more suitable for a state seat and an exco post. It's her decision to reject our offer.

“There is no issue of Barisan being unappreciative of her efforts all this while,” he told reporters after attending the Malaysia Single Mothers Network (Juwita) gathering at PWTC yesterday.

Kamilia had earlier expressed disappointment over not being selected as a candidate, adding that the leadership's rejection was akin to failing to recognise women's contribution towards nation-building.

Barisan is fielding Maslin Sham Razman in Bukit Chandan.

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