

**What alliance arose from RM2.6 billion donation, asks Rafidah
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Former Wanita Umno chief Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz has questioned whether the US\$700 million (RM2.6 billion) donated to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's accounts will leave the government indebted to the donor and vulnerable to foreign influences, Sinar Harian reported.

She also questioned whether an alliance was formed out of the donation.

"My question is what were the alliances behind the donation? What could possibly have been promised to them (the donors)?"

"What is the donor expecting and hoping for, now that he has donated such a huge sum?"

"Umno is the backbone of the Barisan Nasional government. Influencing Umno will mean influencing the government," she was quoted as saying in the report.

Rafidah added that money politics had become the norm in Umno, and this was a serious issue.

She said each Umno member should feel responsible for the donation.

"Basically it shows how money politics in Umno has reached new heights. How money has become the sole impetus for work to be carried out at the grassroots level.

"That is Umno's culture of politics, now and moving forward," she said.

She added that money politics would not just destroy Umno's character, but would impact the leaders' fighting spirit and motivation to serve the party.

She said each Umno leader at each level was bound to have pocketed some of the RM2.6 billion donation.

"Surely some of the money flowed down to the grassroots, and surely many had 'tasted' it.

"But shouldn't we be rejecting money politics, so that whoever is chosen as a leader is really capable of serving," she said. – August 25, 2015.

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