

Wives of Leaders Must Be Smart In Filtering Information Over Social Media - Rosmah Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Wives of leaders in this country must be smart in filtering and recognising which information in the social media are true, false, defamatory or just made-up stories.

Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor said this was because the social media was often used as a weapon to spread gross details which could confuse and influence the minds of the people.

"If we believe in the lies and propaganda publicised over the social media, this will give victory to those who are happy to see us dance to their tune.

"Therefore, as wives of leaders we must develop the mental strength so that we are not perturbed by the negative feedbacks or criticisms thrown at us and instead seek the truth," she said.

She was speaking at the closing of Knowledge and Personal Skill Development Course organised for the Welfare Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) at the National Institute of Public Administration here today.

Rosmah, who is also Bakti president, said in serving the community, wives of leaders were also urged not to take note or dwell on negative comments, especially from the opposition parties which would obviously not agree with the good work they had done for the community.

Rosmah also reminded Bakti members to maintain their personal image as this could reflect on the image and reputation of the leaders.

"You ladies often accompany your husband's abroad and in this context, the challenge is not just your personal image but more importantly the image and reputation of the country," she said.

Touching on communication, she said the group should master the art of communicating to be able to make a public speech.

She said, to be well-versed in the subject, they had to improve on their self-confidence, read books, master the language and use the right intonations when speaking.

The four-day course which began on Monday, served as a platform to impart knowledge to the wives of ministers and deputy ministers on the affairs of the government administrative machinery and national security.

The course also aimed to increase the credibility of the group as leaders in women's activities, to understand reforms and changes in government policies and to be more effective Bakti members.

Among topics shared during the course were palace protocol, social etiquette, personal grooming, and choice of clothes, public speaking, effective communication and table manners.

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