

Puteri UMNO Wants Increase In Candidate Quota For GE14

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SEREMBAN, Aug 6 (Bernama) --Puteri UMNO today has requested the party's top leadership to consider increasing the quota for Puteri members to contest in the 14th general election (GE14).

Its chief, Datuk Mas Ermieyati Samsuddin, said the request was made based on the increase in the number of young female voters, which made up more than 50 per cent of the total number of registered voters in the country.

"I have discussed the matter with the party president (Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak)...because, right now, we only have four (elected representatives) who are most likely to represent Puteri (in the GE14) compared to nine in the last general election because five of them have been absorbed into Wanita UMNO due to age factor.

"So, we need more young women to be fielded as candidates because they make up over 50 per cent of the total voters. The same goes at university level, over 70 per cent of university students are female.

"These women will be able to champion many issues, including economic and environment, if they have representatives either at the Dewan Rakyat or Dewan Negara," she told reporters after opening the Seremban Puteri UMNO Delegates Conference, which was also attended by Seremban UMNO chief Datuk Abu Ubaidah Redza, here today.....

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