

UMNO General Assembly: Give us a fair deal, says Rafidah

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WANITA Umno has asked the party to treat its members fairly and to be allocated more seats in the next general election. Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz expressed hope that the wing would get fair treatment from party president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"During the debates earlier (yesterday), I handed over a note to the party president with the hope that it will clarify Wanita's standing in Umno and be the basis for more seats," she said.

Although her remarks were immediately greeted with jeers and catcalls from some of the delegates, she was quick to remind them that the request was based on statistics provided by Umno headquarters.

"There are 1,199,521 Wanita members compared with 1,027,463 regular members and we make up 35.8 per cent of the party membership.

"These Wanita members are the ones who will be campaigning to ensure victory for each candidate. Don't belittle them. Much has been said about justice and fairness and we hope to get a fair deal from the party president."