

It's women power at campus polls

NEW TREND: Female candidates winning more seats

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THE campus election results at five public universities revealed a new trend: more women candidates are being elected.

In **Kangar**, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) campus election showed more than 56 per cent out of 31 contested seats were won by women candidates.

UniMAP vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Kamarudin Hussin said out 17 women candidates who had won, three represented the general seats and 14 the various faculty seats.

"We are seeing more women as candidates this time around."

A source in UniMAP said all elected student leaders would receive their appointment letters as early as next month to form the student body.

In **Shah Alam**, out of 50 seats contested at Universiti Teknologi Mara, women won 27 seats.

In **Kuala Terengganu**, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin's campus election results saw a close fight between the female and male candidates after 11 women won and 13 seats went to the male undergraduates.

In **Malacca**, although only eight women

candidates won out of 27 contested seats in Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Malacca, the highest number of votes went to the fairer sex.

Nursyuhada Azman of the Technology and Technopreneur Management Faculty secured the highest number of votes of 4,549 votes or 70.89 per cent out of 6,432 students who voted.

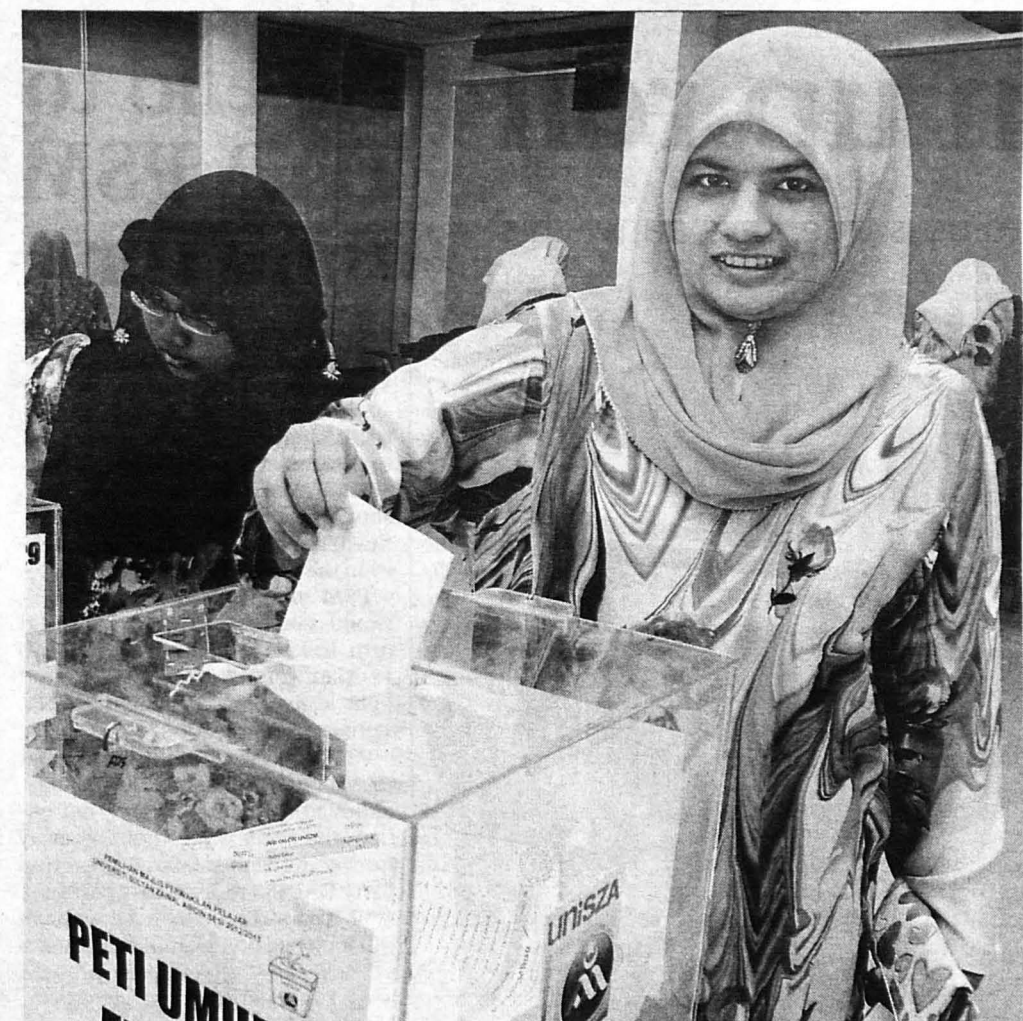
In **Batu Pahat**, another woman candidate, Dayang Wafiqah Abang Jama'aludin, secured the highest number of votes in the campus elections at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn with 8,207 votes.

Nominations at seven out of eight public universities yesterday revealed that the pro-Aspirasi group had secured 88 seats uncontested in this year's campus elections.

Among them were Universiti Teknologi Malaysia campus elections which saw 18 out of 54 seats won without a contest; Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (five seats won uncontested); Universiti Malaysia Sabah (10 seats); and Universiti Sains Malaysia (15 seats).

The Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin campus elections' results saw Pro-Aspirasi winning all 24 seats.

Universiti Pertahanan Nasional will announce its results today.



A Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin student casting her vote during campus elections in Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu yesterday. Pic by Aslina Abu Bakar



International Islamic University Malaysia students walking past campaign posters at the university campus in Gombak, Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Farizul Hafiz Awang