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First Ladies meet: Rosmah (right) at the First Ladies Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Sharm El Sheikh on Wednesday. — Bernama

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SHARM EL SHEIKH (EGYPT): The First Ladies of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) should lead in raising awareness about the dangers of human trafficking of women for sexual exploitation and as drug mules, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

Many of these victims were from poor families, she said, citing the 2006 statistics which showed that at least 80% of the 800,000 cases of human trafficking involved females.

Addressing the two-day NAM First Ladies Summit which ended yesterday, she suggested a network among NAM countries to share information and assist one another.

Rosmah said human trafficking and the HIV/AIDS problems were two issues that were close to her heart.

Malaysia, she said, had not been spared from the pandemic as it recorded 84,630 cases from 1986 until last year.

"Another worrying trend is the increasing number of housewives being infected as compared to sex workers," she said.

Rosmah added that 90% of HIV positive women got the virus from their husbands or partners.

At a press conference later, Rosmah said the summit had touched on a multitude of issues such as food shortage and gender inequality.