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Nominees to be submitted to PM

KUANTAN, Sat. - Wanita Umno will submit several nominees to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to replace sacked Primary Industries Deputy Minister Siti Zainab Abu Bakar.

Movement leader Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today she proposed that a Wanita Umno candidate also fill up the vacancy to maintain the quota of posts allocated to it.

Siti Zaharah told reporters this before chairing a Paya Besar Wanita Umno division meeting here.

The Wanita executive committee has many eligible candidates academically and in other aspects for consideration to fill up the vacancy, she said.

The Umno supreme council at its meeting last Thursday sacked Siti Zainab in connection with the missing RM1.8 million from the Wanita Umno accounts.

Siti Zainab, the movement's treasurer under the previous Wanita Umno leadership, was also suspended from the party and stripped of all party posts.

A former assistant secretary of the movement, Senator Habshah Osman, was also suspended from the party over the same case.

Asked on Siti Zainab's statement disputing the council's action on them, Siti Zaharah said the matter should be left to the Umno disciplinary committee and party management as the council made such decision based on an internal inquiry.

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