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PUTRI BRIGADE NOW KNOWN AS WOMEN'S BRIGADE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 6 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno's Putri Brigade is now known as Women's Brigade, Wanita Umno Chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today.

She said this is to expand its membership to include women like factory workers and mothers instead of restricting it to only schoolgirls.

The revamped brigade would be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Bumiputera Economic Achievements Expo on April 16, she told reporters at Pusat Islam after appearing as a panelist on the "Malaysia Hari Ini" television programme.

Also on the panel were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman and motivation expert Datuk Dr Fadzilah Kamsah.

The programme was broadcast in conjunction with the seminar "Keluarga Bahagia Penyelesai Gejala Sosial" (Happy Family, Solution to Social Ills) jointly organised by the Umno Social and Public Complaints Bureau and the Islamic Affairs Bureau of its Youth and Women's wings.

Siti Zaharah said the Women's Brigade was to have been launched together with the Umno Youth's Putra Brigade last Friday but the launch was postponed due to factors such as training, guidelines and activities.

So far, she said, more than 4,000 have responded to membership calls.

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