

Umno is 'better off' without ⁵ 529.8.98 bonus vote system

KUALA LUMPUR: Wanita Umno yesterday voiced its objection towards the continuation of the 10-bonus vote system, saying the party is better off without it.

"We feel that doing away with bonus votes, will not create any differences," Wanita chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said.

"We should have more confidence that the delegates will stick to their division's mandate," she said.

Umno, for years, had been choosing its leaders without adopting such a system, she added.

Dr Siti Zaharah said the system was introduced previously to "counter check on delegates should they not stick to the mandate of their divisions."

"Maybe the situation

warrants it then. Circumstances can change," she said.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik had stated recently that the system was likely to be reviewed next year.

The system allows a candidate for the president or deputy president's post to gain 10 votes automatically upon securing a nomination.

Dr Siti Zaharah said the movement had resolved to support Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as prime minister and party president.

She also said the movement would hold a business expo for women from Sept 12 to 15.

Dr Siti Zaharah said the movement wanted to mobilise its members towards gaining greater competitive edge.