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Panel Yes to have more women reps

THE Umno Political Committee Bureau agrees with the proposed draft amendment on increasing the number of Wanita Umno delegates representing the wing at the Umno General Assembly.

Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman yesterday said that previously there were 30 delegates representing the Wanita wing at the Umno General Assembly.

Wanita Umno also proposed that the automatic appointment of its 165 Wanita 8divisional heads be accepted by the supreme council members.

If the proposed automatic appointments are accepted, it will mean Wanita Umno will be represented by 165 delegates and an additional 10 delegates who will be elected during the Wanita Assembly.

Previously, the 30 Wanita Umno delegates representing the wing were elected during the Wanita Assembly, usually held a day before the Umno General Assembly.

Siti Zaharah also mentioned there will be a Special General Assembly this November to gauge the response to the proposed ammendment.

"During the Technical Committee meeting, we went through the entire draft and there were no objections from any members. Therefore, we are confident that we will be able to secure a consensus," she said.

On the matter of former Umno vice president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim being sacked from the party, Siti Zaharah said, "Wanita Umno will support the action taken by the party and the Government.

"We are confident that any decision or action taken is for the sake of the country. As the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has said, we have to have confidence in the country's judiciary system."

She added, "With regards to Umno tradition, if any of its members have problems that affect the party's good name, the person's individual interests must not be put before the party's.

Siti Zaharah said the Wanita wing will continue to pass on accurate information to the grassroots level, by providing the necessary information to divisional heads for proper dissemination.

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