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SITI ZAHARAH: WANITA UMNO MEMBERS NOT INVOLVED IN REFORM MOVEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno members are not involved in activities detrimental to the party's interests particularly in the reform movement initiated by former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said investigations by the executive committee showed none of the movement's members were directly or indirectly involved in activities opposed to Umno especially the reform movement.

She said the investigations also covered four members of the movement who were issued show-cause letters recently for allegedly involved in activities against the party's interests.

"There are no solid evidence to show they were involved in anti-Umno activities.

"Hence, I hope tomorrow's Umno Supreme Council meeting will give due consideration for their appeals," she told reporters after chairing the movement's meeting here today.

Dr Siti Zaharah said Wanita Umno members stayed clear from the so-called reform movement as they have been briefed on their responsibilities to preserve party unity.

They were also told of the consequences for indulging in activities that could divide Umno.

"We don't want certain groups to exploit the current political situation in the country by using Wanita Umno members for their own agenda," said Dr Siti Zaharah, who is Deputy Health Minister.

She said the movement's members had pledged full support to Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and to the Supreme Council, the party's highest decision-making body, for its decision to expel Anwar from Umno.

She said the movement was committed to see a strong and stable Umno and rejected leaders who enlist foreigners' help to destroy Umno.

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