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Siti Zaharah: No objections to proposal

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman today said the party's constitutional review committee had no objections to a proposal to make all 165 Wanita division heads automatic delegates to the general assembly.

She said the 165 delegates would be in addition to the 10 who would be elected from the Wanita assembly, usually held a day before the party general assembly. This would bring the total number of women delegates to 175.

Speaking to reporters after a Women's Day gathering today, she said the proposal now had to go to the party supreme council and a special general assembly before it could be implemented.

"I am confident that it would be cleared," she said.

In addressing the gathering, Siti Zaharah said this was a time for women to show full support to Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and love for the country by maintaining unity.

She said she was also shocked by the charges against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim but had to accept reality that it had happened.

She stressed that Umno was not about "charismatic icons" or to be used to build a person's image. "We must stand together in unity and act to protect the party, not individuals," she said.

Siti Zaharah also said it reflected badly on Malaysia if the people brought their problems to the foreign media as Malaysia was an independent country.

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