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Siti Zaharah-Seats

WANITA UMNO TO ASK FOR MORE SEATS IN NEXT ELECTION

JELI, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today the movement will request for more state and parliamentary seats in the next general election.

"At present, we have less than 10 per cent representation and if possible, we may want to increase it to 20 per cent," she said.

However, the movement would leave it to the discretion of Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, she said.

"We will request for more seats but are prepared to compromise," she told reporters after launching the district-level Women's Day celebrations.

Dr Siti Zaharah, who is Deputy Health Minister, said the movement had many eligible candidates who could be fielded if additional seats were granted.

She said additional representation was crucial for the movement to play a more effective role to serve the people and in nation-building.

Asked to comment on the resignation of Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, she said Zahid had made his decision and it was up to the Supreme Council to decide on the next course of action.

The council, the party's highest decision-making body, will hold its meeting on Tuesday chaired by Dr Mahathir.

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