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Wanita members told to fully understand president's message

WANITA Umno wants its members to fully understand the message delivered by the party president and to use it as a guide to protect the interests of the party, the people and the nation.

Its chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Zulaiman said the president's speech showed that he is a strong leader and is in control of the current situation while trying to explain to the people the various elements affecting the economy.

"He is not only trying to unite the members but also trying to shed some light on the current situation to avoid further confusion by Western powers which are trying to destabilise the party, confuse the people and sensationalise certain words.

"We have to understand that the Western powers are trying to create misunderstanding and rip apart our unity hoping to make our leader a scapegoat," she said when asked to comment on the presidential address.

Siti Zaharah said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had analysed the situation carefully and was driving home an important point.

"If we do not understand the situation, it can lead to something very dangerous. It can lead to friction among the leaders in the party, and we will not be certain as to where we will be heading," she added.

She said Dr Mahathir also explained clearly about democracy in the Malaysian context, which is protecting the nation's sovereignty, the rights of individuals and the rights of the minority.

"We should be protective of our country and leadership. We must not be misled by the few words coined by the West. In fact, our attention should be focused on addressing the economic problems," she added.

Umno Youth head Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi declined to comment when approached by reporters after Dr Mahathir's speech.

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