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WOMEN TOLD TO FALL BACK ON MATERNAL INSTINCTS IN FACING PARTY PROBLEMS

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 25 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman today called on its members to fall back on their maternal instincts in facing the party's problems.

"In the name of party unity and at crucial moments like these, women, as mothers, should act as a balancing force to control the tension," she said in reference to the expulsion of former Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the party on Sept 3.

She was speaking at the Women's Day celebrations organised by Wanita Umno, here. About 1,000 Wanita Umno members attended the function opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Siti Zaharah told a media conference later that Wanita Umno would continue to explain the matter to the grassroot members so that they would understand what had really happened and not be influenced by elements out to aggravate the situation.

Anwar, who has been implicated in charges of sexual misconduct, was sacked as deputy prime minister and finance minister a day before his expulsion from the party.

Dr Siti Zaharah, who is Deputy Health Minister, also said in her speech that Dr Mahathir had agreed in principle to Wanita Umno's proposal to increase the number of delegates to the Wanita Umno general assembly from the current five to 10 from each division.

"This is a special bonus from Dr Mahathir who appreciates our contribution," she said.

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