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CRISIS WITHIN WANITA UMNO IS OVER, SAYS ZAHARAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- The Wanita Umno Exco today regarded the recent crisis within the movement as over and would now focus its attention to facing the coming general election.

"Today's meeting had a frank discussion on the issue...all were involved in the discussion...I feel everyone is satisfied," Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman told reporters after the four-hour meeting.

Also present at the meeting which was attended by all exco members was Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

Zaharah said the exco members were also satisfied with her explanation on the issue relating to her decision to reshuffle the exco early this month which she later reversed on the advice of party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I explained to them that it was primarily to strengthen the party in facing the coming general election," she said.

On speculation that a vote of no confidence would be made against her, Zaharah said it was all a misunderstanding and no such action was instituted against her.

Zaharah also denied claim by an exco member Datuk Maznah Abdul Hamid recently that the movement was divided into three camps.

"It's election time, so we all agreed to the understanding that all leaders especially Wanita leaders, as directed by the party president, must be involved in all activities relating to the election. So nobody should interpret the act of giving support, contributions as anything other than to make sure that we all work as a team," she said.

Wanita Umno deputy chief Datuk Napsiah Omar agreed that efforts should now be directed at the coming general election.

"Wanita Umno is still strong...don't think we are weak," she said.

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