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NEW WANITA UMNO CHIEFS FOR FT AND P.PINANG

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman today announced a reshuffle of the movement's leadership aimed at strengthening its machinery ahead of the coming general election.

Senator Che Jam Harun has been appointed the movement's Pulau Pinang chief replacing Sharifah Aminah Syed Mohamed, while Cik Mariany Mohamed Yit was made the Federal Territory chief replacing Azizah Abdul Samad.

Rokiah Bee Hassan was named the movement's Pulau Pinang deputy chief, and Surinam Sadikun as the Sabah deputy chief in place of Datuk Dayang Mahani Tun Pengiran Ahmad Razaie.

"Other state Wanita chiefs and deputy chiefs remain," Dr Siti Zaharah told a news conference at her office.

She said Rokiah Bee, Surinam and Hamiah Khatib Awang of Pahang would be new executive council members.

Dr Noridah Ibrahim replaces Azizah Abdul Samad as the assistant treasurer while Senator Kamilia Ibrahim takes over from Datin Paduka Fatimah Suhaimi as the movement's information chief.

Dr Siti Zaharah also announced new heads for nine of the movement's bureaus. They are Dr Noridah (finance), Senator Kamilia (information), Mesrah Selamat (education), Raja Ropiah Raja Abdullah (housing and urban development), Datuk Maznah Hamid (economy), Khamsiyah Yeop (women work force), Datuk Sabariah Ahmad (agriculture), Latifah Omar (industry) and Rokiah Bee (health).

The Wanita Umno chief will remain as the head of the political and management bureaus.

She said the appointments would take effect when the movement holds a meeting in about two weeks.

Speaking to reporters, Dr Siti Zaharah said the feedback she received from Wanita Umno members in states where Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had addressed the people on current issues was that his explanation was well received.

"Yes, they understood and accepted the explanation by the prime minister on current issues and matters raised by the opposition," she said.

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