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SITI ZAHARAH CRITICISES MARINA FOR HER ALLEGATIONS

ALOR GAJAH, Nov 2 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah has criticised National Justice Party (Keadilan) vice-president Marina Yusof for alleging that the judiciary is controlled by the government.

The judiciary had always been independent and everyone in the country should respect the courts and observe the country's laws, she told reporters after visiting the site of the proposed Taman Seri Permata housing project in Masjid Tanah, near here, today.

Siti Zaharah, who is also Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, was commenting on Marina's statement that she would not challenge the statutory declaration made by former Bank Negara assistant governor Datuk Abdul Murad Khalid, alleging that if she did so, she would not get a fair hearing in court.

Marina alleged that the courts were now controlled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Siti Zaharah said that the country's judicial system should continue to be upheld.

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