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SITI ZAHARAH REGARDS PROMOTION AS RECOGNITION TO WOMEN

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Deputy Health Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman has described her appointment as minister in the Prime Minister's Department as a recognition to women in the country.

Siti Zaharah, the Wanita Umno chief, said that she was grateful to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the trust placed in her.

"This is a pleasant surprise," she told Bernama TV.

Dr Mahathir announced her new appointment after a visit to the Immigration Department headquarters, here, today.

Yesterday, when announcing the Cabinet reshuffle after the Umno Supreme Council meeting here, Dr Mahathir stated that Siti Zaharah was moving to the Prime Minister's Department as deputy minister but made a correction on her appointment today.

Siti Zaharah said that she would concentrate in assisting to strengthen the government's administrative machinery in her new post.

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