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WANITA AND UMNO YOUTH HAVE DIFFERENT APPROACHES- ZAHARAH

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno's approach is different from that of Umno Youth when it comes to mobilising the election machinery, Wanita Umno Chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today.

"They do it more openly while we do not do it in the open. The Youth are aggressive while we do it softly at the grassroots level," she told reporters here when commenting on calls that Wanita Umno undertake more active campaigning to get the women's votes for the BN.

There should not be any comparison between the work being done by Wanita Umno and Umno Youth merely because the women were not highlighting their activities at national level, she said.

"The Youth are aggressive and overcome problems head on and in the open while women adopt the soft and subtle approach and go for the grassroots," Zaharah said.

"The work we are doing cannot be seen and hence it is difficult to measure. However the Wanita Divisions in every state are ready to receive further instructions," she added.

Zaharah said Wanita Umno would step up its efforts to detect false information and slander hurled by the opposition particularly at the grassroots level.

Asked about the statement by Umno President and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Saturday that the movement redouble its efforts to ensure that women were not misled by the opposition propaganda, she said the Prime Minister's words would further motivate Wanita members to work harder.

The Prime Minister's criticism meant that "we Wanita members cannot rest on our laurels but should continue to strive to become better."

"The Wanita Movement should work hard and play a more aggressive role as women's votes were important to ensure victory," Dr Mahathir had said.

Zaharah earlier had a meeting with Wanita Umno Division leaders from Perak. Perak Wanita Umno Chief Ainon Khariya Yeop was also present.

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