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WANITA UMNO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET ON TUESDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- The Wanita Umno executive committee will meet on Tuesday to discuss various issues pertaining to the movement, Umno Secretary-General Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today.

The movement's head Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman herself set the date for the meeting, he said.

"This is a good development and it is hoped that everyone will focus her attention on preparations for the General Election," he told Bernama and RTM here after the Cabinet meeting.

The Information Minister said the meeting was not only to clear the air over the recent reshuffle move in the committee but also discuss several other items.

It would be the first meeting of the committee since Siti Zaharah's announcement of the reshuffle last Monday.

Siti Zaharah had earlier said that the issue over the reshuffle, which had since been reversed, had been settled and she wanted to call a meeting of the committee to apportion work among the committee members as suggested by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Khalil said the Wanita Executive Committee meeting would also dwell on the Wanita's role in helping the Barisan Nasional party machinery in facing the General Election.

"We consider the women's role as very important as they are not only active but also account for a large number of voters," he said.

He was confident that Wanita Umno would remain united and there would not be any split among its ranks.

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