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WANITA UMNO SEEKS TWO MORE SEATS FOR WOMEN IN SABAH LEGISLATURE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 4 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno has asked the party to let the women's wing field two more candidates on the Barisan Nasional (BN) ticket in the impending Sabah state election, its chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today.

It had formally submitted such a request for Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's consideration, she said.

She said Wanita Umno reckoned that the request for two more state constituencies for its candidates was justified given the strong chance of victory for the governing BN in the coming state polls.

Siti Zaharah told reporters this after chairing a Wanita Umno executive committee meeting here.

Presently the sole Barisan Nasional assemblywoman in the 48-member Sabah legislature is the state Wanita Umno deputy chief, Dayang Mahani Tun Raffaie, who represents Lumadan.

The current term of the Sabah State Legislative Assembly expires on March 18.

Siti Zaharah said Wanita Umno's conviction of a BN victory in the state polls was reinforced by the commitment of Umno and other BN leaders in getting on the ground to ensure BN's re-election to power in Sabah.

"From what I gathered the Sabah Wanita Umno is very spirited and is working very hard on the ground to ensure a BN victory," she said.

Siti Zaharah said Wanita Umno was confident of a positive reply to its request from Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman.

She said Wanita Umno would also ask Dr Mahathir to consider fielding more parliamentary candidates from among its members in the coming general election.

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