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Umno-Windingup (Siti Zaharah)

WANITA UMNO TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT DR MAHATHIR, SAYS SITI ZAHARAH

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno head Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today that all members of the movement will continue to give their support to party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The one million Wanita Umno members would not desert Dr Mahathir and the other leaders of the party in pursuing the party's struggle, she said when winding up the debate on the final day of the 53rd Umno general assembly, here.

She said that members of the movement would not be deterred even though they had been regarded as the gurkhas of the party.

Siti Zaharah regarded the general assembly this time as vital in strengthening support for Dr Mahathir as leader and symbol of the struggle of the race, religion and country.

She said that Wanita Umno also unanimously supported the stand taken by Dr Mahathir against the Singapore Business Times and wanted the daily not to interfere in the country's affairs.

Referring to the allegation that the staff of Petronas and several other agencies were anti-government, she said that it might not be true.

"If indeed they are disloyal to the government, they would not have been prepared to sacrifice in not getting their increments and bonus due to the economic slowdown," she said.

Siti Zaharah said that they had also worked to make Petronas a leading company in the world and make significant contributions to the community and nation.

Commenting on the Petronas logo modified by its subsidiary, Petronas Dagangan, in 1961 which turned out to be similar to the logo of an opposition party, Siti Zaharah said that if the logo was unsuitable and posed a problem, further modifications could be made to the logo.

She said that the Petronas logo had been modified to reflect its commercial value, viability and competitiveness at the national and global level.

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