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WOMEN'S POWER TO BE MOBILISED AS JOHOR BN FIRES FIRST SALVO

JOHOR BAHRU, June 27 (Bernama) -- Some 150,000 Johor Wanita Umno members will be mobilised through the Combined Work Unit set up today to bring the opposition charges, claims and propaganda firmly under the wheels of the Barisan Nasional juggernaut.

Johor Menteri Besar and State BN and Umno Chief Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said the women would go out in full force to every nook and corner of the state to refute the charges and claims made by the opposition.

Umno and the Barisan Nasional as a whole had never failed to fulfil their pledges and had continued to ensure the wellbeing of the people even when the country was at the height of economic recession, he said.

"After winning the 1995 General Election, we have kept all our pledges and have safeguarded the people's interests. We have also overcome the economic problems that confronted us recently," he said when uninaugurating the unit at the Dewan Umno, Pulai near here.

In the General Election of 1995, the Johor BN won all 20 Parliamentary seats and the 40 state seats.

He said the opposition would not be able to disrupt the Johor BN and Umno election machinery which would be mobilised to optimum level.

"I wish to stress that the Umno and BN party machinery in Johor remains strong as ever even though PAS is playing up the issue of the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim."

Wanita Umno National Chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said Wanita Umno was focusing on preparations for the general election.

She said unity within the party was important for the realisation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Vision 2020.

She was also confident that the Johor Wanita Umno would give its solid support to the Umno machinery at the central level.

Zaharah said the opposition particularly in Kelantan was playing up stale and old issues and this would have no bearing on Wanita unity.

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