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ZAHARAH ADVISED TO CONVENE WANITA UMNO COMMITTEE MEETING

KEPALA BATAS, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman should call for a meeting of the Wanita Umno committee as soon as possible.

Umno secretary general Tan Sri Mohamed Khalil Yaakob, in making the advice, said the meeting should be convened first before Siti Zaharah issue any explanation or general statement.

He said any problem or difference in opinion should be discussed in the meeting to avoid the matter from being prolonged.

"I will study proceedings of the meeting," he told reporters after a meeting with the Pulau Pinang Umno in Bertam, here today.

Khalil urged all parties not to press Siti Zaharah into making statements or explanations now.

He said all comments on the matter should also be stopped.

"The sooner the meeting is held the better it will be," he said.

Khalil said he has not been able to contact Siti Zaharah to advise her to convene the meeting.

Siti Zaharah, last Monday, announced a reshuffle in the Wanita Umno executive committee.

However, after the Umno Supreme Council meeting on Wednesday, Dr Mahathir announced that Siti Zaharah had agreed to reverse her decision on the reshuffle and to revert to the status quo.

Khalil also urged voters, especially those in Permatang Pauh constituency, to give priority to the party rather than to an individual in the coming general election.

"An individual does not make a government and Parliament, instead a strong party will be the one to form the government and Parliament," he said.

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