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New wing to be set up for women under 40

PUTRAJAYA, Mon. - Umno will set up a new wing called Pasukan Puteri Umno, which will be the equivalent to its Youth movement.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the setting-up of the new wing was based on the interest shown by young women in their 20s in joining the party.

"They feel quite uncomfortable with the Wanita Umno which is perceived to be made up of older members," he said after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting at his official residence today.

Dr Mahathir said the maximum age limit for those interested in joining the Pasukan Puteri Umno would be set at 40.

Asked if the new wing would also have its own head, Dr Mahathir said it would most likely adopt a similar structure as that of the Youth wing.

"We have not finalised the details. Today, we have agreed in principle to the setting up of the new wing," Dr Mahathir said, adding that Umno would want the movement to be realised as soon as possible.

The Prime Minister said once the structure of the new wing was finalised, the party would have to convene an assembly to endorse the constitutional amendments to form the Pasukan Puteri Umno.

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