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WANITA UMNO SETS UP COMPLAINTS CENTRE FOR WOMEN

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno has set up a complaints centre to attend to problems faced by women, its chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said today.

She said she and her deputy Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil would be involved in giving advice and assistance to the women who bring their problems to the centre.

Located at the movement's headquarters on the 37th floor of Menara Dato' Onn at the Putra World Trade Centre, the centre will operate on Fridays beginning this week.

"Initially, we will operate from 10am to 1pm, with the centre run by the movement's exco members and headquarters staff," Rafidah told a press conference after chairing an exco meeting of Wanita Umno.

The centre would attend to all types of problems and not just family problems and those involving politics, she said.

Rafidah said today's meeting also agreed to the setting up of an information unit in Wanita Umno, among others to help people register as voters.

It would also be responsible for setting up and operating the Wanita Umno website to facilitate interaction among members.

Exco members also agreed to the creation of a Wanita Umno work module to be used during any by-election, said Rafidah.

"We want to come out with a check list listing among others our experience and weaknesses during elections to serve as a guide when faced with any by-election," he said.

Another proposal made at the four-hour meeting was for the production of a brief bulletin to be distributed to members for free.

"We want to keep the communication alive so that Wanita members right up to the grassroots get to know what is happening in the movement," he said.

Replying to a question, Rafidah said she was not ready to appoint another five exco members.

On alleged debts in Wanita Umno when the movement was led by Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman, Rafidah said: "I have already said many matters still remain unresolved with regard to this money. There no need to make it public."

She said she had briefed Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Wanita Umno's financial status.

"We have already opened a new account so that out (financial) status is clean. We don't have details of the old debts. I was not involved.

"Maybe Umno will resolve the old debts matter. We can't afford to pay other people's debts," she added.

Last month, Dr Siti Zaharah denied Rafidah's allegation that she had left the movement with a lot of debts.

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