

Azalina to head Puteri wing

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KUALA, LUMPUR, Wed. — The long-drawn guessing game over who would head Puteri Umno, the party's junior women's wing, was today answered with the appointment of supreme council member Azalina Othman Said.

Azalina's appointment was made by the supreme council during its meeting, chaired by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Puteri Umno is a new movement

which aims at attracting women below 35 years of age, though its leader can be up to 40. Puteri Umno's establishment was announced by the supreme council on Feb 10.

On Feb 20, the council decided that the movement's pro-tem committee would be made up of 20 representatives, 13 to be sourced from each State Umno while the remainder to be appointed by the council.

Contacted, Azalina said she was thankful for the appointment.

"I see the appointment as a responsibility and a duty on my part as a member of the supreme council." Azalina was appointed to the supreme council after the party elections in June last year. The 37-year-old, a lawyer by training, is head of Umno's Civil Action Bureau, an organisation which provides assistance for women.