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GROUP OUT TO UNDERMINE MAZNAH, SAYS ADNAN

KUANTAN, March 29 (Bernama) -- The action of all 11 Wanita Umno division chiefs in Pahang in seeking the removal of State Wanita Umno head Maznah Mazlan is guided by their own personal interests, said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

He said the group was eyeing positions in administration.

"It is straight forward...when there is no confidence in Maznah, someone else will become the state Wanita Umno head. And, if that someone is an elected representative, she will want to replace Maznah in the State Executive Council," he said here today.

Maznah, the state Culture, Arts, Tourism and Women's Affairs Committee chairman, is not a Wanita Umno division chief.

Adnan was asked to comment on the two memoranda sent by the group, one to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the other to Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

In the memorandum, the group stated it no longer have confidence in Maznah's leadership pertaining to the distribution of grants to the Women's Affairs Consultative Committee (Hawa) at the district level.

Adnan, who is the Pahang Umno liaison committee chairman, said the issue arose because certain parties were eyeing positions such as state Wanita Umno head, state exco member and state Hawa chairman apart from laying hands on the allocation for Hawa.

He said the no confidence motion was not reached in a meeting held, either a special delegates meeting or a special committee meeting.

"Instead, it was only signed by those involved," he said.

"For a no confidence motion to be carried, each division must call for a meeting of every branch on the matter."

Adnan said matters came to a head after Maznah, who is the Pahang Hawa chairman, refused to allocate RM30,000 to Hawa in each district on concerns that the money would be used by many of the Wanita Umno division chiefs to campaign in the party's divisional elections.

"I will call for a meeting with all the Wanita Umno division chiefs concerned soon," he said.

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