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Puteri Umno sets up six bureaus to boost movement

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Puteri Umno pro-tem head Azalina Othman Said today announced the setting up of six bureaus, in a move to strengthen the movement.

The bureaus are politics (headed by her), religion (Yusnita Muhamed Yusoff), information and public relations (Mastina Abdul Hamid), health (Norhamizah Mat Tahir), services (Noor Liza Abu Hassan) and education (Sharifah Syahirah Syed Sheikh), respectively.

Speaking after chairing the movement's meeting, Azalina said the bureaus would also have several units under them.

She also announced the appointments of two new exco members - Siti Rohayah Attan and Habibah Mohd Shariff and the new Johor pro-tem head Fahariyah Md Nordin, who replaces Hazlina Jalil, who resigned due to "technical reasons".

Siti Rohayah is an editor with a Malay daily while Habibah is a supervisor with a manufacturing factory. Azalina had after chairing the movement's first meeting on April 9 announced the appointment of four members.

"We would be carrying out the pre-launch of Puteri Umno at the State-level throughout this month and next month, which would be officiated by the State Umno liaison committee heads.

"The official launch of Puteri Umno at the national-level has been brought forward from Aug 6 to Aug 3. It will be launched by party president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. However, the place has not been confirmed."

On the status of central committee member and popular entertainer Erra Fazira Wan Chik, Azalina said she would seek a meeting with her to verify allegations that she (Erra Fazira) has send in her resignation letter, recently.

"I need to talk to her and get a formal statement. We have been receiving so many letters and some of them are baseless.

"I have received a letter but it needs to be verified whether it was sent by her, as at the time the letter was received, I was away. I received many letters from many people who want to resign.

"I need a formal statement from her. If she (Erra Fazira) really wants to resign she should call a Press conference to state her reasons. If anyone wants to resign they should do it properly," Azalina added.