

No nomination quota for first Puteri elections

KUALA LUMPUR: Contenders for posts in the first election to formalise Puteri Umno at the end of the year need only get one nomination to qualify.

Party deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said those interested to stand for posts at all levels, were not governed by nomination quota as imposed on Umno Youth and Wanita.

He said this was to be the first Puteri election and thus the ruling on the nomination quota would not be enforced.

Under party rules, those interested in contesting Youth and Wanita posts are required to get a certain percentage of nominations from the divisions before they can stand for election.

Speaking to reporters

after chairing the Umno management committee meeting yesterday, Abdullah said other rulings governing party elections would be in force for the Puteri elections.

He also said that Umno was in the process of strengthening its information machinery, especially those at division level.

"More programmes involving those responsible in disseminating information will be held to ensure that they will not give contradicting details or information to members or the public.

"We need to show consistency when disseminating information, especially those relating to party and government policies so as not to confuse the people," he

added.

On the preparation for the coming party annual general assembly, Abdullah said, party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would chair the pre-council meeting on June 18.

The official opening of the Umno Youth and Wanita general assembly, together with the Puteri convention, would be held on the same night.

This will be the first time that the opening for the Youth and Wanita general meeting will be held at night.

Traditionally, the opening of the Youth and Wanita, which are normally officiated by the party deputy president, is held on the first day of the Umno general assembly.