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Another report against Azalina

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Responding to calls by Umno leaders, Puteri Umno member Zalilah @ Elly Yusof submitted reports on alleged abuse of power and financial misappropriation by the movement's protem chief Azalina Othman Said to the party secretary-general today.

"Its now up to the party's disciplinary committee and the police to investigate these cases," she said when met outside Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob's office.

"I chose this time to submit the reports as the movement's elections are near.

"Hopefully with this, Puteri members will be able to wisely choose whom they want to lead the movement," she added.

Her report was received by Khalil's secretary Junaidah Ismail.

Prior to this, Zalilah had lodged a police report against Azalina.

Last Friday Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said the movement's members should submit reports on their leaders to the Umno management committee or its disciplinary committee, instead of going to the police.

On Saturday, Khalil had urged the wing's members to channel their grouses through the party's management committee.

Zalilah said she was still waiting for Azalina's response to charges of misappropriation of the wing's funds, concerning several vans which were registered under individuals, instead of under Puteri Umno as they should have been.

She added the report also concerned Azalina's administrative methods and the involvement of outsiders in the movement.

Asked whether she planned to lodge other reports against Azalina, Zalilah said she had had lodged her final report but there was the possibility other members might lodge their reports.

Meanwhile, another Puteri Umno member, Raihan Suleiman Palestin, also met Khalil at his office earlier on whether she would be allowed to contest Puteri Umno's number one post.

"I have met Khalil to submit a letter and explain my situation to him.

"He was very attentive.

"He said he would forward my letter to the party's management committee.

"He said the committee would decide on my status," Raihan said.

It was reported last Thursday that Umno executive secretary Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said Puteri members who also held posts in Wanita Umno could not contest in the movement's elections.

Raihan is currently a member with the Kulim/Bandar Baru division.