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BN WILL CONDUCT FRIENDLY CAMPAIGN EVEN IF PROVOKED

SEREMBAN, July 7 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) election machinery workers for the Pendang parliamentary and Anak Bukit state seats in Kedah will not be rude even if they are provoked by opposition supporters as experienced in previous by-elections.

Puteri Umno protem head Azalina Othman Said said BN workers would follow the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to conduct their campaigns in a friendly manner during the by-elections.

"BN workers will not be rude. We will have a code as thoughtful members of society and will not be influenced by sentiment," she told reporters after opening the Seminar on Health and Fitness For the New Millennium Generation organised by Puteri Umno and Negeri Sembilan Kemas, here today.

She said that based on past experience during the campaigns for Indera Kayangan (Perlis), Ketari (Pahang) and Lunas (Kedah) by-elections, Puteri Umno members were frequently provoked by supporters of the opposition parties.

She thanked Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein because the Youth wing would take full responsibility in ensuring security for Wanita and Puteri Umno members during the Pendang and Anak Bukit by-elections on July 18.

Azalina expressed confidence that police deployed to control the situation throughout the by-election campaign were capable of ensuring public order.

The by-elections for the two seats were being held following the death of their representative Datuk Fadzil Noor, who was also PAS president, on June 23.

On the successor to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as deputy prime minister when he succeeds Dr Mahathir as prime minister in October next year, she said Puteri Umno would accept and support whoever was appointed for the number two post.

Dr Mahathir said in Bangkok today that Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is also Umno vice-president, was the most suitable candidate for the number two post because of his seniority and experience in government.

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