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`Puteri Umno not seeking candidacy'

JOHOR BARU, Sun. - Puteri Umno members will support the party as workers rather than hoping to be selected as candidates for the next general election, its pro-tem chief Azalina Othman Said said.

She said the movement's aim was to strengthen its grassroots support through formalising its divisions and branches.

She said the movement did not plan to ask for electoral seats even after its central leadership election on Nov 2.

"We will leave this matter to the party leadership," she said after opening the Johor Baru Puteri Umno branches' integrated programme today. Also present was Johor Baru division chief Datuk Shahrir Abdul Samad.

A briefing on the Puteri divisional elections will be held on Aug 26, to be attended by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. The elections will be held from Sept 16 to Oct 15.