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PUTERI UMNO TO FOCUS ON INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- Puteri Umno will focus on increasing its membership now that it has been formally installed.

Its leader, Azalina Othman Said, said that this was in line with the wishes of Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is not satisfied with the current membership of 93,000.

Towards this end, a joint membership drive with Umno Youth had been planned, she told reporters after chairing the movement's inaugural exco meeting, here,

She said the target was to get more undergraduates to join the movement.

The movement would also focus on the problem of unemployment among graduates in the country as nearly 40 per cent of its members were unemployed graduates, she said.

"We are quite worried about unemployment within the younger generation, especially women," she said.

Puteri Umno would also be focusing on the issue of child rape and incest with more and more cases being reported by the media, she said.

"We are extremely concerned by this. We are trying to figure it out. Is it because the laws are not strict enough or is it the arrest procedures or the human characteristic.

"We have a legal bureau, public complaints bureau and welfare bureau and we hope that these three bureaux will discuss the matter. We also have a women and family bureau," she said.

The movement has set up 10 bureaux which have until Nov 20 to submit their working papers on the programmes that they will be conducting.

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