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`Azalina can ensure Puteri impartiality'

GEMAS, Mon. - Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said Puteri Umno chief Azalina Othman Said is capable of ensuring her charges are not influenced by Umno leaders who want Puteri members to lobby for them.

"I am sure she (Azalina) has ways and means to prevent members from being used as tools by some quarters," he said when asked to comment on Azalaina's statement that Puteri Umno members were picking up some bad traits from Umno leaders.

One bad trait, she had said, was lobbying.

He said this after launching the movement's "Felda - An Analysis" programme in Felda Jelai yesterday.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that there were people in Umno who were using Puteri as tools to lobby for them in their campaigns.

Dr Mahathir said these people aspired to be candidates for the next general election.

Hishammuddin was also asked on claims that an Umno Youth leader in Kelantan, dubbed the power-broker, "dominated" at least six Puteri divisions with the hope that he could be a candidate in the general election.

"Puteri should continue to uphold the principles of Umno's struggles."