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Changes likely to Puteri Umno State liaison committees

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Changes will be made to State Puteri Umno liaison committees to restructure and strengthen the movement, according to its head Datuk Azalina Othman Said.

Azalina said the changes would prepare the movement's election machinery for the general election. They would involve appointed posts such as State Puteri Umno heads, deputy heads, assistant secretaries, treasurers and information heads.

"We have proposed these changes along with the possible list of names of pro-tem divisional committee members and approval will be up to the party's supreme council and management committee.

"We feel these changes are necessary to strengthen Puteri Umno and help us play an effective role in the next general election," Azalina said after accompanying 35 residents of the Seri Kenangan old folks home to visit the "A Thousand Faces of Dr Mahathir" photo exhibition at the National Art Gallery.

She said there were also cases where changes could not be avoided as incumbents had opted to vacate their seats and some had expressed their inability to continue serving.

"In some divisions, we have named new faces as heads since the incumbents moved to a different division following the Election Commission's re-delineation exercise which led to the formation of 25 new parliamentary seats."

She said the changes were done on a State to State basis looking at the specific needs and requirements.

Azalina said she was unable to provide the percentage of changes in the division and State Puteri Umno line-up as she had yet to calculate the figures.

Azalina also said that the movement had decided to retain until next year's party elections all the divisional heads who have reached 35, the maximum age limit to hold the post.