

Roadshows to explain Shahrizat's quit decision

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Following Umno Wanita chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil's decision to step down from her ministerial post next month, the women's movement will conduct a nationwide roadshow to explain her decision to the Wanita leadership of all states.

Umno Wanita assistant secretary Rosni Sohar told Sin Chew Daily that she, together with publicity chief Hamidah Osman (left), will meet all Wanita state excos over the matter.

According to a report published by the Chinese daily today, Shahrizat will not join the briefings at all the states.

"We will not hold large briefings for state Wanita but just explain to the state excos. This is enough for us to convey the right messages.

"Basically, this development has not hit or shaken the morale of Wanita members," Rosni was quoted as saying.

Embroiled in the NFC scandal, Shahrizat announced on Sunday that she will step down from the post of Women, Family and Community Development Minister when her three-year senatorship term expires on Apr 8.

Rosni also revealed that over 90 percent of Wanita national excos accept Shahrizat's decision, and they will not recommend a Wanita leader to fill the vacancy as it is the prerogative of the prime minister.

"Initially the excos disagreed and were dissatisfied with her proposal (to resign) but we accepted it after she explained it."

Although the excos were slightly disappointed over Shahrizat's decision, they accepted it in the interest of Umno, nation and the people, and to ensure BN's victory in the next general election, she said.

The Wanita leadership, said Rosni, will continue to support Shahrizat as Wanita chief.

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