

Wanita Umno behind head
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KUALA LUMPUR: Wanita Umno permanent chairman Tan Sri Napsiah Omar said Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil retains considerable support within the movement.

"The support for Datuk Seri Shahrizat need not be mentioned. It shows itself at every Wanita Umno event she graces and the strong support will continue for her to lead us," she said when asked to comment on Shahrizat's decision to resign as minister when her three-year senatorship ends on April 8.

She will remain as Wanita head.

Wanita Umno information chief Datuk Hamidah Osman expressed relief that the movement's leader had decided to remain as Wanita chief.

She said Wanita Umno would issue an official statement on Shahrizat soon.

Former Wanita Umno secretary Datuk Faridah Abu Hassan, a die-hard supporter of former international trade and industry minister and former Wanita Umno head Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz, wondered if Wanita Umno would be affected by all the speculation surrounding Shahrizat.

Shahrizat's predecessor, Rafidah said her ministerial post would automatically lapse next month at the expiry of her senatorship.

"Resigning means she actually quits when (she is) still a senator. It was a natural sequence of events," said Rafidah.

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