

'We are lucky she did not resign from Wanita chief post'

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil's resignation is a big loss to Wanita Umno, said the wing's Jerlun head Datuk Maznah Hamid.

"She has the support of the grassroots. We are lucky that she did not step down from her Wanita chief post. We never had a leader who could unite all Wanita members the way she has done," said Maznah.

She added that Shahrizat should not have resigned as the case was still being investigated and there was no proof she was involved in the controversial National Feedlot Corporation issue.

Pahang Wanita Umno chief Datuk Rosni Zahari said most of the wing's leaders wanted Shahrizat to remain as chief because she was a good leader.

"The Opposition is going after her throat because they want to weaken the Barisan Nasional election machinery by attacking her.

"And we won't let that happen. We want Shahrizat to lead Wanita Barisan Nasional's election machinery in the 13th general election," she said.

Although Shahrizat had resigned as minister, there was no reason for her to step down as Wanita chief, said Rosni.

"She was democratically elected and she won with a big majority," said Rosni, who is also a Wanita executive council member.

"I have served under three Wanita leaders, and I can vouch that Shahrizat is the best," said Rosni who had served as Pahang Wanita Umno chief for six terms.

Puteri Umno chief Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin said that it was a sad day for Umno and blamed the Opposition for manipulating the NFCorp issue.

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