

**Kedah Wanita Umno Backs Shahrizat  
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JERLUN, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Kedah Wanita Umno will be backing Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil to defend her Wanita Umno chief post at Umno's polls in October.

Its head Datuk Dr Maznah Abdul Hamid said a decision on this was taken at a special meeting of Kedah Wanita Umno yesterday, which was attended by the heads of all the 15 Kedah Wanita Umno divisions in the state.

She said the decision was based on Shahrizat's good performance as the wing's chief despite various challenges, besides succeeding in uniting its members.

She told this to reporters when met at an Aidilfitri open house in Padang Sera here Saturday.

On her own political ambitions, Dr Maznah said she intended to defend her membership in Wanita Umno's executive committee (at the polls).

It has been reported that former Puteri Umno head Datuk Seri Azlina Othman Said, who is also Pengerang MP, intends to challenge Shahrizat for the Wanita Umno chief post.

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