

**Raihan Suleiman Palestin To Challenge Shahrizat For Wanita Umno Chief Post**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Kulim-Bandar Baru Umno committee member Raihan Suleiman Palestin Thursday announced her intention to challenge incumbent Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil in the contest for the Wanita Umno chief post.

Raihan, 47, in her Facebook page, said her main intention was to strengthen the Wanita Umno in line with the party's agenda.

"Maybe I'm not a popular candidate, I know that, but that's not a big deal because I believe the delegates are wise enough to decide who is more qualified (to lead Wanita Umno).

"Popular or not is not the main issue, the delegates will vote based on their own judgement and observation on the quality of the candidate," she said.

Although surprised with the withdrawal of Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said's candidacy for the same post, Raihan said it would not affect her decision.

"I have to rise to the challenge to continue the great legacy of Wanita Umno. I don't do this for fun, I do this with all my heart and soul," she said.

Azalina, who is Pengerang member of Parliament, had recently withdrew her candidacy for the Wanita Umno chief post and said that she would defend her Supreme Council seat instead.

Registration for the nomination of candidates to contest top positions in the Wanita, Youth and Puteri Umno wings has been set on Sept 21, while the elections of the three wings will be held on Oct 12.

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