

**Wanita Umno In Seven States Pledge Their Support For Shahrizat
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IPOH, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Wanita Umno in seven states pledged their support for Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil to defend her post at the party polls this October.

The seven states are Melaka, Kedah, Perlis, Penang, Johor, Selangor and Perak.

Shahrizat, who is Wanita Umno chief, said the support were conveyed to her during her visit to those states earlier.

"I appreciate and view seriously the trust they have placed in me," she told reporters at the Perak Wanita Umno Aidilfitri Open House here today.

She said if she were given the chance to continue leading the Wanita Umno, she would give extra focus on the roles of women in politics.

"I'm still not satisfied with the women's performance in politics. This will become the torch of my struggle if I were chosen to continue leading the Wanita Umno," she said.

Shahrizat said many of Wanita Umno members had vast talents and potential to shine in politics.

"I want to bring women in politics to greater heights. I want to see more stars within Wanita Umno," she said.

So far, the contest for the post of Wanita Umno chief involves only Shahrizat and former Puteri Umno chief Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said.

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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