

**Sharifah Azizah Retains Kluang Wanita Chief Position**  
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KLUANG, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Johor Umno Wanita chief Datuk Sharifah Azizah Syed Zain retained her position as Kluang Umno Wanita chief at the movement's divisional election here Saturday.

She won the contest in a straight fight with Bunga Raya branch Wanita chief Haslina Mohamed Dom, garnering 255 votes against the latter's 68.

On maintaining her hold on the position which she had helmed since 1993, the Rumah Murah 1 branch Wanita chief said it was a sign for her to double her efforts in preparing for the 14th general election.

"I will continue to serve the grassroots in appreciation for their confidence in me.

"My desire is for non governmental organisations and Kluang Umno to work together; Kluang is a black area as the Kluang parliamentary seat and Mengkibol state seat were wrested by the DAP in the last general election," said Sharifah Azizah, 53.

A total of 315 Wanita delegates in the Kluang division involving 64 branches voted in the election held at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sultan Abdul Jalil.

Meanwhile, Haslina, 47, who had been an active Umno member since 1989 said she accepted the outcome and regarded it as usual in a competition.

"The decision to contest was my own, I was not influenced by any party. But even though I lost, I will continue to give my undivided support to the leadership for the sake of progress at the grassroots," she said.

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