

Noraini, Asyraf Wajdi, Zahida elected leaders of UMNO wings

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 24 (Bernama) -- UMNO today announced the names of the party wings' new leaders with Parit Sulong Member of Parliament Datuk Dr Noraini Ahmad as its new Wanita leader.

The party's executive secretary, Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh, told a media conference tonight that former deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki was elected the party's Youth chief and Datuk Zahida Zarik Khan won the post of the Puteri leader.

He said delegates from 191 UMNO divisions voted to elect the leaders for the three party wings in conjunction with the party's divisional delegates meeting.

Noraini, who is Parit Sulong Wanita UMNO leader, defeated the movement's incumbent vice-chief Datuk Azizah Mohd Dun and its former leader Tan Sri Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman to replace Tan Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil for the top post.

The movement's vice-chief post was won by Penang Wanita UMNO leader Datuk Norliza Abdul Rahim.

As for Asyraf Wajdi, he defeated eight other contenders for the Youth chief post, which was previously held by former Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

The post of UMNO vice-chief was won by the movement's Information chief Shahril Sufian Hamdan.

Zahida, who is the new Puteri UMNO leader and the movement's former vice-chief, won the

post in a straight fight with the exco member Nor Hazreena Mohamad Hashim, while the vice-chief post was won by Nurul Amal Mohd Fauzi.

According to Ab Rauf, the full results of the UMNO wings' election could be obtained at the party's website at www.umno-online.com.

The UMNO delegates will vote against this June 30 for the top posts in the party, comprising president, deputy president, vice-president and members of the supreme council.

Five candidates are contesting for the president's post, including vice-president and Bagan Datuk Member of Parliament Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Gua Musang Member of Parliament Tan Sri Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and former UMNO Youth leader Khairy Jamaluddin.

For the deputy president post, it will be a straight fight between former Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and UMNO Information chief Tan Sri Annuar Musa.

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