

Shafie: Umno Members Need To Resolve Internal Problems
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KUALA LUMPUR -- Umno vice president Shafie Apdal reminded party members to resolve internal problems amicably in ensuring their solid support in the coming general election.

The Rural and Regional Development Minister said internal party problems if left to prolong could affect the Barisan Nasional's performance in the 13th general election.

"I'm worried because we lost in Manik Urai not because of PAS, and in Kedah not due to PKR. It was the same in Perak and in Kelantan.

"But it was because of internal problems in the party, resulting in Umno members staying away from voting," he said when opening Kepong Umno delegates meeting here yesterday.

Also present was Wanita Umno head Shahrizat Jalil, who is also Women Family and Community Development Minister.

Shafie further reminded Umno members to give their full commitment to the party without considering personal interests to ensure a resounding victory for the BN in the upcoming election.

In KLANG, Umno Supreme Council member Ahmad Shabery Cheek said the BN was capable of wresting back Selangor from the Opposition if all its members were united and did only pursue their own interests.

Ahmad Shabery, who is also Youth and Sports Minister, said the BN had shown this capability when it recaptured Terengganu from PAS in 2004 and held the state despite the political tsunami of 2008 when the BN lost five states.

He told this to reporters after opening Kapar Umno's Wanita and Youth wings annual delegates meeting here.

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