

**Malaysia Is Not An Experimental Ground, Says Umno VP
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KUALA KANGSAR, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is not an experimental ground for irresponsible parties, in particular for the opposition, to jeopardise future generations, said Umno Vice President Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal.

While closing the Perak Barisan Nasional (BN) briefing session at the Perak Jubilee Hall here Saturday, he characterised the opposition as being inconsistent with their objective and making it appear as an experiment.

"For the sake of future generations, don't use Malaysia as an experimental ground. Now halal, now 'haram' (forbidden), now Hudud, now not Hudud. When Umno partners with MCA and MIC it's 'haram' but when PAS and DAP form a coalition it's halal," he said.

Later during a press conference he said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's concept was not only to transform the government but also the economy and politics of the country, as well as the socio-economic status of its people.

"We will ensure this concept and the transformation programme is understood by the people who will then cooperate to make it a success," he added.

Mohd Shafie, who is also Rural and Regional Development Minister, said the Rural Transformation Programme was not just to free the rural communities from the shackles of poverty and enhance facilities but also to elevate the areas to a better level.

He said the Higher Education Ministry was training about 200 rural tertiary students to become 'ambassadors' to help with the programme.

Meanwhile Umno Information chief Datuk Ahmad Maslan said today's briefing was the seventh since its launching by BN chairman Najib, early this month.

"What we have concluded after seven briefings so far is that the states are increasingly supportive of BN," he added.

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