

**Candidates Selection Hinges On Changing Political Landscape - Shafie  
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SEMPORNA, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- The selection of Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates in the next general election hinges on the changing political landscape, said Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal.

"We need to accept the reality that the political landscape is changing. We cannot use outmoded ways or the old method.

"As we want winnable candidates, shortlisted candidates have to be deeply filtered by taking into account the voice of the people.

"It is no use if we field candidates, who are not accepted by the people," he told reporters after launching the state-level manuring campaign at Kampung Sungai Baron, Lihak-Lihak here today.

He was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's remarks that the term 'winnable BN candidate' refers to candidates who can win irrespective of their age or the number of terms they had served as elected representatives.

Shafie, who is also the Rural and Regional Development Minister, said it would be a futile exercise if party members demanded the leadership to field certain candidates, who were not accepted by the people, as they would lose in the election.

On the RM7 million bridge project across Sungai Lihak-Lihak, he said when completed in seven months' time, it would facilitate travel between Pulau Lihak-Lihak and Semporna.

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