

Shafie Happy With Performance Of Umno Members In Opposition States
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- Umno Vice-President Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal has expressed his satisfaction on the performance of Umno members in states governed by the opposition.

"I know they (Umno members) work hard as evident in Kelantan and Penang. They've done a lot along with the machinery to ensure that we get back these states," he said.

However, he reminded the Umno members not to focus on lobbying to be Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates, but instead focus on gaining control of their area from the opposition.

"If we lose we won't have representatives in the area. It's time for us to work, assist and carry out the biggest agenda which is national wellbeing," the Rural and Regional Development Minister told reporters after opening the 2011 District Development Coordination Meeting Series 2, here today.

He said this in response to claims that some Umno members in opposition states had begun lobbying to become election candidates and did not carry out election onslaught programmes as hoped for by Prime Minister and party president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

A total of 300 officers from various government agencies attended the two-day meeting, which started today, aimed to foster closer cooperation between the ministry and district offices as well as the community.

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