

**UMNO Is More Open Than Opposition, Says Shafie Apdal**  
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PUTRAJAYA, May 17 (Bernama) -- Umno is more open than the opposition in accepting dissenting views, said Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal.

He said this could be attested by Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's readiness to engage anybody as long as through orderly manner.

"He (Najib) could wake up at 2am to watch a football match with youths, monitor Twitter and Facebook, and interact with all," Shafie told reporters after presenting excellent service awards to 231 employees of the Rural and Regional Development Ministry here Thursday.

On the contrary, he said the DAP did not extend the senatorship of former vice-president Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim due to his criticism on the Bersih 3.0 rally while PAS sacked former Selangor PAS Commissioner Datuk Dr Hasan Ali for being critical on its leadership.

Mohd Shafie, who is also rural and regional development minister, said the people should use proper channel to voice their views, instead of holding demonstrations or resorting to unbecoming behaviour.

On the National Key Result Areas on improving basis rural infrastructure, he said to date 27,000 rural households received electricity supply and 79,000 households received clean water supply.

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