

**PAS Must Iron Out Differences First – Shafie  
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MARANG, May 20 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal today advised PAS leaders to iron out differences of opinion among themselves on the proposed talks with Umno before engaging in the discussions.

"It looks like they are not together in this matter. Some of their leaders are for the talks while others are not, making it seem like they are not sincere about the discussions.

"We know that the talks are good, in the context of Islam and the Malays," he told reporters after launching a community programme attended by about 7,000 people at the Merchang football field.

Mohd Shafie, who is rural and regional development minister, also said that he did not think that the talks would be successful if PAS insisted on imposing conditions as mentioned by the party's spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat yesterday.

"This has happened many times. If the talks are for the good, then they should be expedited. They seem to be flip-flopping and political interests precede religious and people's interests," he said.

In ALOR SETAR, Umno Information Chief Datuk Ahmad Maslan echoed Mohd Shafie's sentiments, that PAS leaders should have talks among themselves and arrive at a conclusion before initiating discussions with Umno.

He said that right now some PAS leaders set conditions while others did not.

Ahmad said the talks would be for the good of Islamic unity.

"Umno is waiting for a reply from PAS to set the date, time and place for these major talks," he added.

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