

Resignation Part And Parcel Of Politics - Shafie Apdal
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 29 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal has described Datuk Seri Lajim Ukin's decision to resign as an Umno Supreme Council member, Beaufort Umno division chief and Beaufort Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman as part and parcel of politics.

Although defection in Umno and the BN is not something new, he said Lajim and Pertubuhan Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Bersatu (UPKO) deputy president Datuk Wilfred Bumburing's decision to leave the BN should not be taken lightly.

Mohd Shafie, who is also rural and regional development minister, said in Umno's history, even the party's founder Dato Onn Jaafar quit the party.

"We need to strengthen the BN and Umno in Sabah. We should never let our guard down and the people should choose wisely," Mohd Shafie told reporters after closing the Siputeh Umno division delegates' meeting here Sunday.

He said Lajim and Bumburing would not necessarily win their seats in the next general election as they won theirs on BN tickets.

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