

Do Not Politicise RCI On Illegal Immigrants - Shafie Apdal
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KOTA BELUD, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- The setting up of the Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) on Illegal Immigrants in Sabah issue should not be politicised, said Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal.

He said all quarters should allow the RIC to gather proposals, and carry out investigations and studies pertaining to the illegal immigrants issue.

"The commission is the best platform in terms of laws and regulations to determine who is eligible for citizenship," he told reporters at the breaking of the fast and the handing out of cash aid to 337 orphans, the elderly, single mothers and the poor, and 38 recipients of zakat from the Sabah Islamic Religious Department here last night.

He said the RCI could also solve the status of local people who were without birth certificate due to late registration of birth, especially in rural areas.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced the details and terms of reference of the RCI on Illegal Immigrants in Sabah which would be chaired by former Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak Tan Sri Steve Shim Lip Kiong.

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