

**Umno Divisions To Ensure 500,000 Umno Members Register As Voters -- Shafie Bernama**  
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TAIPING, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal today called on Umno divisions to take steps to ensure 500,000 Umno members who were eligible voters to register before the coming general election.

He said Umno, from the top leadership to the grassroot level, should join efforts in increasing the existing number of voters to strengthen the party's cause.

"We still have 500,000 Umno members who have not registered as voters. In this year's BR1M implementation, we have two million recipients but some 31,000 of them were Umno members who have not registered as voters.

"I see the need to step up party operations to identify these members and register them as voters," he said after opening the Larut Umno division meeting, near here Saturday.

Also present at the event were Larut MP Datuk Hamzah Zainuddin and Kubu Gajah state assemblyman Datuk Seri Raja Ahmad Zainuddin Raja Omar.

Meanwhile, commenting on Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's statement that quarters within Umno which tried to sabotage the party would be sacked, he said the move was needed to ensure Umno members were disciplined.

"This is important for us to ensure party members are not only members in name but come election, they do not vote for the party. Maybe they do so because they did not hold any posts.

"Such acts can affect the party's future and stern actions have to be taken against them," he said.

He said actions would only be taken after an in-depth probe was carried out on the case.

According to Muhyiddin, Umno will be appointing a neutral monitoring team, the identity of whose members would be unknown, to check sabotage by party members.

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