

**Apt Decision By Umno To Bar 1,703 Delegates From Voting - Shafie
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PENDANG, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Umno's decision to bar 1,703 of its 146,000 delegates from voting in the party polls on Oct 19 because of bankruptcy was apt and good for the party, said its vice president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal.

He said Umno did not want delegates to break party regulations, which could render a meeting invalid.

Shafie who is also Rural and Regional Development minister said umno viewed the issue seriously and would not ease the existing rules as it could potentially cause a dilemma some day.

"There may be some flaws (in the Umno polls this time) but we should not just look at them as weaknesses but rectify them so that Umno would be favoured by the people," he said at a housing programme at Kampung Paya Sulaiman, Padang Pusing here Tuesday.

Meanwhile, he said Umno could win the Sungai Limau by-election on Nov 4 with a determined party machinery.

The seat fell vacant following the death of former Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Azizan Abdul Razak who won it for Pas in the 13th general election with a 2,774 vote majority over his cousin Fazillah Mohd Ali who represented the Barisan Nasional.

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