

## **Shafie keeps mum on identities of Umno 7, leaves it to party to decide fate**

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Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal today said he was leaving it to the party to decide on his fate following rumours that he was one of seven leaders in danger of being suspended.

Shafie, when met, refused to confirm or deny if he knew the identities of the seven Umno members, saying that it was up to the party to deliberate on the matter.

"I don't have to comment on that, I just leave it (to the party)," he told reporters in Semporna, Sabah today.

It was widely reported that the seven members were currently under investigations over their remarks in openly criticising the party and might face suspension.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said any Umno member found to have violated the party's constitution would face suspension.

He said as soon as his office concluded the probe, the names would be sent to Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is also the prime minister, before being forwarded to the disciplinary board to decide on the next course of action.

Shafie is one of several Umno leaders who have been vocal in voicing their criticism against the troubled 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and was removed from Cabinet along with former deputy prime minister and Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in July.

Aside from Shafie and Muhyiddin, other names speculated to face action were former Umno president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, former minister Tan Sri Zainuddin Maidin, former Kedah menteri besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid and division chiefs Datuk Jamal Md Yunos (Sungai Besar) and Datuk Seri Syed Ali Alhabshee (Cheras).

Meanwhile, party sources said the office of Tengku Adnan was looking into all possible offences committed by the seven members.

"They are still looking into this matter at the secretary-general's office to determine what these leaders did wrong," the source told The Malaysian Insider.

Recently, Umno members led by Dr Mahathir called for Najib's resignation as prime minister.

Dr Mahathir, Malaysia's longest-serving prime minister, has been criticising Najib over his alleged mismanagement of the country, from financial irregularities in 1MDB, which is the latter's brainchild, to the RM2.6 billion donation deposited in Najib's

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