



Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal greeting residents at a Christmas open house and new year celebration in Kampung Taginambur in Kota Belud yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

## IMPROVING FACILITIES

# SABAH CM: NO WATER TARIFF HIKE

'Priority is ensuring villages get access to treated water supply'

### KOTA BELUD

**S**ABAH will not increase water tariffs, but will focus instead on ensuring that more villages get access to treated water supply, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal.

He said restructuring the Sabah Water Department was one of the initiatives that had

been taken in this regard.

"The department's priority is administering treated water supply. There is no point in increasing water tariffs if many villages do not get treated water supply," he said after attending the Kadamaian state constituency's Christmas open house and new year celebration in Kampung Taginambur near here yesterday.

He was responding to decisions

made by several states to increase water tariffs.

Shafie said restructuring and good governance at the Sabah Water Department allowed it to increase its revenue.

The state government, he said, wanted to ensure an adequate supply of treated water by improving facilities at treatment plants to benefit more villages.

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