

Another 1,000 senior citizens expected to return money
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GEORGE TOWN - Another 1,000 senior citizens in Penang are expected to return the compassionate payment of RM100 given by the state government for fear that it came from gambling revenue.

Penang Umno Youth chief Norman Zahalan said most of the senior citizens were disappointed with Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's admission that the state government had indeed paid the compassionate money that was obtained from the Penang Turf Club.

"We expect about 1,000 senior citizens to return the compassionate money to their respective Umno divisions," he told reporters after attending a Penang Barisan Nasional meeting on Tuesday.

Norman said Penang Umno Youth would collect all the money and return it officially to the state government soon.

He said Umno, however, had never forced the senior citizens to return the money, but they, had instead, done it willingly.

Norman said the State Religious Affairs, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Abdul Malik Abdul Kassim should resign from the post for failing to inform the public before distributing the money.

"As a Muslim state executive council member in charge of religious affairs, Abdul Malik had failed to discharge his duties and is no longer suitable to hold that post," he said. - Bernama

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