

Youth Assembly Was Not A Waste Of Taxpayers Money
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REMBAU -- Public funds were not misused for the 2011 One Million Youth Assembly held last weekend, Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar said yesterday.

He said the assembly was a government programme and did not involve any political party.

"I believe the one million youth came voluntarily to take part in all events held during the three-day programme. The opposition is making this an issue because they were worried of the great response from youths," he said.

Khairy, who is also Rembau Member of Parliament, was responding to allegations made by opposition parties that tax payers money was misused to organise the event.

"They (the opposition) had hoped the assembly will fail to reach its target. Harakah itself stated that only 8,000 youths attended, which was wrong.

"The response was unbelievable and it was a sign that the youths are starting to support the government agenda under the 1Malaysia concept which is youth-friendly and aimed at empowering them," he added.

The mammoth gathering held in Putrajaya was a part of the 2011 National Youth Day celebrations and officiated by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak on Saturday.

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