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## PPBM website contradicts Dr M's stand

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has described the government's Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) as a corrupt and unlawful practice.

A Malay daily on Sunday quoted him as saying BR1M was used by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to win public support in the upcoming general election.

"During my administration, I did not give money.

"Instead, the government did well by providing a good road system and adequate provision for schools.

"Children were given scholarships and more.

"But now, people appreciate BR1M money?"

The Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman said he did not rule out the possibility that the increase in BR1M allocations,

from RM500 to RM1,200, was to "feed" the people more effectively.

He recalled meeting a villager and asking the man why he did not support PPBM.

The villager replied that PPBM did not give him money, but Najib did.

"This is where we are wrong," said Dr Mahathir.

"We still accept it (BR1M) even though we know such things damage our country."

He added that Najib seemed confident that since BR1M was handed out, the people would support Barisan Nasional.

"Najib may believe that 'cash is king'; give enough money, and people will support him."

Despite efforts to make BR1M ap-

pear as a form of assistance to address the rising cost of living, said Dr Mahathir, the people were still suffering, with many sectors facing financial constraints.

However, contrary to Dr Mahathir's stand on BR1M, PPBM's website has a link on the main page, titled "BR1M", with a caption stating that "anybody who wants financial assistance, contact us".

The link opens up another page, which only has the words "Will be updated soon...".

Another link on the main page, titled "Financial Help" and located next to the "BR1M" link, leads to a page on asset allocation through a range of investments.



**Tun Dr  
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