

Dr M: PH has never given money to win votes

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KUALA LUMPUR: Pakatan Harapan (PH) has never given out money to win votes, says Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He was responding to questions over a viral picture of a woman in a PH shirt allegedly handing out cash.

“Pakatan Harapan has never given out money to anyone,” he said after launching the liquid petroleum gas composite product by Astana City Group Sdn

Bhd in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Photographs of a woman holding RM50, RM10 and RM5 notes went viral over the weekend.

She was seen counting the money and handing over the money to men wearing the same red T-shirt bearing “Cameron Highlands” on the back.

DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang was quoted as saying that the woman was a volunteer from the party’s Impian Malaysia programme.

He said 60 Orang Asli motor-

cyclists were paid RM20 each on the Cameron Highlands by-election nomination day, and that it was for “travel reimbursement”.

Election Commission (EC) chairman Azhar Azizan Harun urged those with information to lodge reports.

PH candidate M. Manogaran, quashed talks that money politics were involved.

He said the issue as nothing “major” nor was it against the law.

He said the reimbursement of money would be declared as by-election expenses when submitting account statements to EC.

“Cash handed by a party worker is not against the law and we will include it in the election expenditure after the by-election.

“Barisan Nasional does not need to waste its time by making police reports but instead use the limited campaign period to campaign in a healthy manner,” he said yesterday.