

**Government Not Fishing For Votes When Giving Out Aid: Nazri  
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BESUT, Dec 15 (Bernama) -- The government has no intention of fishing for votes when it gives out various aid to the people including the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M), said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz.

He said the various aids given out were merely to carry out the government's responsibility to assist the poor besides appreciating their contributions towards the government and to fulfill the promise, 'people first', pledged by the present administration.

"This is among the types of assistance provided by the government to the people for the past 50 years," he told reporters after meeting the residents of Kampung Pengkalan Atap in Kuala Besut today. The village was affected by high waves on Sunday.

Nazri hoped the people would not be easily duped by the polemic or speeches from the opposition who tried to emulate the approach adopted by the government in assisting the people by promising their slogan 'welfare state' if they were given the mandate in the 13th general election.

He expressed disappointment with the attitude of the opposition leaders who called on their supporters to accept whatever aid dished out by the government but did not teach them to be grateful for the assistance.

"We give out regardless of the (recipients') party, but they ask them to take whatever (the) Umno (government) gives, but when it is time for the general election, vote for them (the opposition)," he said.

On the request by PAS that two representatives from the federal government join the Hudud Law Study Committee, he said there was no need to entertain the request.

"If it is true that the PAS constitution is the Al-Quran, then why blame the Malaysian Constitution because they should be able to enforce it in the states under their rule such as Kelantan and Kedah," he said.

Nazri, who is also Chairman of the National Disaster Relief Committee, said the National Security Council was evaluating the extent of the damage suffered by several states due to the floods that occurred last month and this month.

On the 41 families in Kampung Pengkalan Atap, who were victims of the high tide and strong waves, he said plans were being made to ensure that they received aid while the damaged wave breaker there would be rebuilt.

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