

Pakatan claims BN aping their economic policies

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 23 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) accused Barisan Nasional (BN) today of copying its economic policies on tackling rising living costs.

The federal opposition's claim came after Second Finance Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah said last Sunday that government efficiency unit Pemandu would assist those earning below RM3,000 to deal with inflation, which will impact Budget 2012.

"This is the third time within a month that the Barisan Nasional government has responded to economic pronouncements by Pakatan Rakyat," said PR in a statement today.

It pointed out that the National Key Result Area (NKRA) on the cost of living was announced last month after Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim chaired a roundtable discussion on inflation.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's blog post on 10 August 2011 on cost of living (also came) after the inaugural media conference by Pakatan Rakyat's alternative budget committee on 5 August," said PR.

The federal opposition pledged to increase the disposable incomes of 60 per cent of Malaysians earning less than RM3,000 a month if it won federal power in coming polls.

It promised to "radically" overhaul policies by focusing on developing Malaysians, and not projects, but did not specify how it would do so.

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