

**Opposition: 2012 Budget Focuses On People's Interest
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- The opposition coalition admitted that the 2012 Budget tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today managed to focus on the interest of the people from all walks of life.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said it was now hoped that the government would also consider turning the one-off assistance and payment into an indefinite assistance and payment.

PAS vice president Salahuddin Ayub, on the other hand said, although the budget was good, certain areas like efforts to combat corruption must be given extra focus by the government.

Meanwhile, independent MP of Padang Serai N.Gobalakrishnan also described the budget as a caring budget, especially for the Indian community in the country.

"The announcement about the allocation of RM100 million under the Amanah Ikhtiar Fund for the development of Indian entrepreneurs really makes me happy," he said.

Meanwhile, Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim claimed that part of the 2012 Budget was copied from the opposition's Orange Book and alternative budget.

"I do not deny that we also mentioned some of the issues in our Orange Book and alternative budget, but the government's budget must be more reliable," said the Permatang Pauh MP.

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