

**Only Two Incentives In 2012 Budget Similar To Opposition's Shadow Budget -  
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KOTA BAHARU, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said among hundreds of incentives announced in the 2012 Budget yesterday, only two were identical to the alternative budget (shadow budget) proposed by the opposition in the orange book.

They were the RM500 one-off assistance for households with a monthly income of less than RM3,000 and assistance for primary and secondary school students, he added.

He said the 2012 Budget, tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in Parliament yesterday, was more holistic than the budget proposed by the opposition in its orange book.

"The 2012 Budget tabled by the prime minister is more practical," he told reporters at a function at the National Agrobusiness Terminal (Teman) near here today in response to allegations by the opposition that the 2012 Budget was an election budget.

Meanwhile, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, who was also present at the function, said the 2012 Budget provided a balance between spiritual and physical development because it gave priority to the people's welfare.

The Opposition Chief in the Kelantan State Assembly, Datuk Md Alwi Che Amad, said the 2012 Budget was a people's budget.

Also present at the function were International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed and Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin.

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