

Government Spent RM4.7 Billion On PLKN Since 2004
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- The government has spent RM4.7bil on National Service Training Program (PLKN) since its inception in 2004 until Aug 31 this year, Dewan Rakyat was told today.

Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Dr Abdul Latiff Ahmad said the programme has succeeded in turning trainees into citizens with positive image and character making them not easily lured into crime.

"Although the ministry has no statistics on PLKN trainees involved in criminal cases, we are confident that they will develop self-esteem," he said in reply to a question by Amran Abdul Ghani (PKR-Tanah Merah).

Dr Abdul Latiff said the PLKN programme managed to keep trainees away from crime and this was based on the increase in voluntary registration of trainees annually.

"Studies on the effectiveness of PLKN by a research team from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) found over 80 percent positive feedback on components evaluated like spirit of patriotism, unity, spirit of volunteerism, positive character and creation of active youths"

He said the programme is a government agenda to create citizens who love their country, promote national unity, create spirit of volunteerism and create a generation of people with pure values.

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