

**BR1M Can Be Regarded As Dividends, Says Rais**  
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JELEBU, Jan 16 (Bernama) -- The 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) being distributed to eligible households can be regarded as government dividends to ease the financial burden of the people, Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim said.

Describing the aid as "compassionate shares" from the government, he said the assistance reflected the government's seriousness in helping the people and, at the same time, dismissed the various allegations of the opposition.

"The sincerity of the Barisan Nasional government is not mere lip-service or a theory as stated by the opposition, but a clear testimony," he told reporters after presenting the BR1M cash vouchers to 267 eligible people in the Pertang state constituency in Kampung Petaseh, here.

Commenting on the aid distribution in the Jelebu district, Dr Rais said many eligible households have yet to register for the assistance.

Dr Rais, who is the MP for Jelebu, said only 8,592 households have registered in the district where there are more than 35,000 households, and more than 2,000 application forms were received only today.

The minister advised those managing the distribution of the funds to scrutinise applications for fraud.

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