

**BR1M Payment Is Timely - Nur Jazlan
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JOHOR BAHRU, Jan 21 (Bernama) -- The payment of the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) or 1Malaysia People's Aid is timely to cover the cost of living expenses for those eligible for the aid.

Pulai Member of Parliament Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed said the aid could help ease the high cost of living in Johor as the state was located next to Singapore.

He said the aid proved the government was aware of problems faced by the rakyat, especially when dealing with increases in the price of goods.

He was speaking to reporters after a BR1M presentation ceremony involving 287 Chinese recipients at the Dewan Hokkien in Jalan Mahmoodiah here today.

Nur Jazlan, who is also UDA Holdings Berhad chairman, said that besides BRIM, subsidy allocations and other programmes indicated government commitment to help the rakyat.

"There will be more such programmes in the future to ease their burden," he added.

Meanwhile, Johor Baharu Hokkien Association chairman Datuk Teoh Poh Boon, who was also present at the event, said the payment was timely, in view of the Chinese New Year celebration.

"We (Chinese community) are very thankful to the government for this aid," he said.

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