

**Government Confident Of Continuing RM100 And BR1M Assistance Every Year -  
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IPOH, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional-led (BN) government remains steadfast that the RM100 for school children and RM500 Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) financial assistance can be given out yearly if the economy continuous to grow rapidly.

Umno vice president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal said the government the initiative can be continued if the people continued to support and give the mandate to administer the country.

"It will not be a problem (yearly financial aid), if the economy continues to grow and the BN remains in power," he said when commenting on Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's statement that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak announce the RM500 under the BR1M and RM100 for school children as a yearly programme.

Shafie who is also the Rural and Regional Development Minister, earlier opened a seminar on the Transformation of Mara Entrepreneurs at the Gopeng Rural Transformation Centre here.

"This (financial assistance) has no political motive...we give out assistance to deserving people and the government has enough financial strength to carry out the scheme," he said.

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