

BR1M Is Not Corruption, Says MACC Chief
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has denied allegations from certain quarters that the RM500 1Malaysia People's Assistance (BR1M) was government bribery.

Its chief commissioner, Datuk Seri Abu Kassim Mohamed, said the assistance was aimed at easing the burden of the rakyat, especially the poor.

"That (BR1M) is not corruption," he said during the question and answer session on 'Strengthening Integrity and Combating Procurement Fraud' at the National Procurement Forum for the Public and Private Sector 2012 here Tuesday.

He pointed out that it depended on the people to decide if they were happy with the government's effort.

"If they (the people) do not like it, tell them (the government)...leave it to the public to decide," he said.

Abu Kassim was commenting on a question posed by Sharifah Intan Aidid, a lawyer from Penang, with regard to the BR1M matter.

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