

KR1M, PMR1M Receive Good Response In Opposition-controlled Selangor, Kedah - DPM
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- Selangor is among the states which have recorded the highest number of applications to set up the Kedai Rakyat 1Malaysia (KR1M) or to participate in the Program Menu Rakyat 1Malaysia (PMR1M), said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The deputy prime minister said the figures showed the two efforts had received good public response although the opposition was always criticising these Barisan Nasional government projects which were aimed at helping the people.

Muhyiddin said there were currently 142 participants of the KR1M and PMR1M in Selangor, and 120 PMR1M restaurants in Kedah, which are both under opposition rule.

"The BN government is responsible for looking after the welfare of the people and welcomes anyone interested to participate in the two programmes," he said after visiting the KR1M in Section 4, Wangsa Maju and Restoran Tan which serves the 1Malaysia People's Menu (MR1M).

"We are serious about thinking how we can help the people. So, if the opposition is a responsible opposition, it should recognise this effort. The opposition should have the attitude of wanting to help the people lessen their financial burden, instead of belittling or disputing (on products sold at the KR1M)."

Muhyiddin said while the opposition, especially Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) politicians, were fond of belittling the KR1M products, they failed to initiate any project in the states they ruled which could save the people's expenses and reduce the cost of living.

"They (opposition) should not condemn such projects as these projects are about helping the people. If they are a responsible opposition, they should help the people too.

"They should be rational and fair, and not belittle efforts by the government and participated by people like traders and restaurant operators to help consumers."

Muhyiddin said the efforts made were not political and the opposition should therefore not politicise issues that touched on people's lives.

He proposed that data on profits made and the number of visitors to the KR1M and PMR1M restaurants be compiled as proof that the two programmes are well accepted by the people.

Asked by an Indonesian media representative on the success of the two programmes and on aid provided to the participants, Muhyiddin said the programmes were a joint effort between the government and private sector.

"The main supplier (to the KR1M) is Mydin and the traders can save costs from the low prices offered, hence they can gain a fair profit margin," he said.

On the PMR1M, Muhyiddin said 1,254 restaurants were participating in the programme at the moment and he hoped the number would increase to 3,000 this year.

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