

Stop politicising KR1M, DPM tells opposition
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 12 — Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin asked the opposition to stop politicising the government's Kedai Rakyat 1 Malaysia (KR1M).

"I feel they have to be rational and fair in such matters, don't belittle the government's efforts that also involve the people, such as traders and businessmen," Muhyiddin told reporters at a press conference today.

"The sole purpose (of KR1M) is to help the people, this is not politics, we don't politicise matters that effect lives of the people," he added.

Muhyiddin said the government was serious in finding solutions to assist the people.

"So the opposition, if they are responsible, they should recognise these efforts and help the people, instead of belittling or criticising the quality of the products," he said of the government-endorsed budget grocery.

"Such initiatives must be given due recognition. If they want to be responsible opposition, they should not criticise a matter although they know it is good," he added.

The deputy prime minister pointed out that the people have acknowledged the government's effort in reducing cost of living for the people.

"What has the opposition done to reduce the cost of living in the areas or states they have in control? Has there been initiatives to reduce the cost of living of the people or facilities given to reduce the cost of the people?" he asked.

"They have not done anything so they should not belittle us. If they have better proposals, then they should let us know," he said.

We in the BN, even if the opposition does something good, we take it in a good way so I hope the opposition won't politicise this issue anymore."

Over the last few weeks, Pakatan Rakyat (PR) lawmakers targeted several food products sold in KR1M as allegedly harmful for human consumption.

The Health Ministry has since ordered KR1M outlets and their suppliers to correct labelling errors and comply with the food regulations law.