

BN is a welfare government, says Umno minister
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 15 — Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin today labelled the Barisan Nasional (BN) administration a “welfare government”, pointing out that under its rule, Malaysians have been given all forms of assistance to ease their financial burdens.

Proof of this, he said was the fact that total costs for primary and secondary education in schools nationwide are borne by the government.

In his speech entitled “the Barisan Nasional government: a welfare government” (kerajaan Barisan Nasional: kerajaan berkebakjikan), the Umno leader stressed that BN has consistently provided all forms of welfare aid to ease the financial troubles of parents.

“A hundred per cent form of education has already been introduced on a primary and secondary school level.

“RM100 assistance has been given to students from Standard One to Form Five, among other gifts from the Barisan Nasional government, so that this money can at least be used to buy school equipment,” he said today.

The federal territories and urban well-being minister also pointed out that matriculation as well as students in private and public universities have received a RM200 book voucher, and that this, to a degree, has “lightened” some financial constraints.

“These gifts are not a political gimmick. If it was, it would be only given to some people.

“Our aid is given to all, regardless of whose child, area of state, or family background,” he said.

“Only you can judge who has helped Malaysians more, who else if not the present BN government?” Raja Nong Chik added.

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