

**30,000 People Received Welfare Aid In Kelantan Last Year - Mustapa
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PASIR MAS, March 11 (Bernama) -- Some 30,000 people in Kelantan received aid totalling RM8.45 million from the Welfare Department last year, said Kelantan Umno chief Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said this was proof of the federal government's commitment to the people of Kelantan and negated allegations by the opposition that the state was being sidelined.

"On the other hand, the Kelantan government last year spent RM7.4 million in giving out welfare aid involving only 7,000 recipients.

"This is clear proof of the federal government's concern for needy people in Kelantan. We hope the people of Kelantan appreciate this contribution," he told reporters after presenting aid under the 1Malaysia People's Aid Programme (BR1M) to recipients in the Pengkalan Pasir state constituency at the Pasir Mas district education office here.

Mustapa, who is also International Trade and Industry Minister, also rubbished claims by the opposition that the federal government had to borrow for the BR1M programme.

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