

All Government Aid Have No Political Elements
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GEORGE TOWN, May 3 (Bernama) -- All forms of aid given by the government to the people are not bribery or political 'candy' to win the people's support for the Barisan Nasional (BN).

Shahbudin Yahaya (BN-Permatang Berangan) said the various aid such as the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) and schooling aid channelled by the BN government had no hidden agenda because they were all for the people regardless of their race, religion or political leaning.

"In the granting of the BR1M for instance, the majority of the rakyat received it. They (recipients) were not only from the BN, there were recipients from PAS, PKR (Parti Keadilan Rakyat) who received them. This aid is for all the rakyat regardless of race and political leanings.

"We (BN) have never placed any condition that every BR1M recipient must be BN members. Please prove in any of the forms that we had specified that the recipients must be BN members," he said.

Shahbudin said this when interjecting to refute the allegation by Sim Tze Tzin (PKR-Pantai Jerejak) that the granting of the BR1M and all forms of aid by the BN were aimed at fishing for votes for the 13th general election, when debating the motion of thanks for the speech by the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas at the State Legislative Assembly sitting today.

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