

**BN Continues Tradition Of Helping Needy - Shahrizat
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- Charity, helping women, children, the disabled, homeless and the poor has long been on the Barisan Nasional's (BN) top priority list, in its efforts to increase the quality of life for Malaysians.

With four agencies under its women, family and community development ministry, the government promotes and raises public awareness on the important role played by women and family institutions towards the nation's development.

In line with the 'Caring and Developed Society', emphasised in the nation's Vision 2020, Umno, through its women's division, has successfully planned and executed programmes catered for the needy to improve their economy and quality of life.

Met at Anjung Singgah, a temporary shelter in Jalan Hang Lekiu managed by the National Welfare Foundation (YKN), the foundation's board of trustees chairman, Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, said Umno had been giving top priority to charity since Merdeka in 1957.

She said this on Monday, as she celebrated Hari Raya and Malaysia Day with over 2,000 guests, among them 626 homeless registered with the foundation, with 223 staying at the shelter.

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