

Opposition's Budget Not Original, Just Populist Promises
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- Several Barisan Nasional (BN) backbenchers today described the alternative budget announced by the opposition pact yesterday as not original, but merely populist promises made to get the people's attention.

Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said almost 80 per cent of the matter highlighted in the budget were recycled from the opposition's Orange Book.

For example, he said the proposal to establish a National Housing Board, was already implemented by the government through the 1Malaysia Housing Programme (PR1MA).

Speaking to reporters at the BN Youth Job Fair 2012 here today, Khairy, who is also Rembau Member of Parliament (MP), said the opposition should explain how they would fund the alternative budget, estimated at RM200 billion, when at the same time, they were planning to abolish toll collection, excise duty and reduce the price of fuel.

The opposition's alternative budget was announced by its leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

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