

**BUDGET: Opposition Critical Of Budget 2013**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Although Budget 2013 gave priority to the well-being of the people, opposition political parties were mainly critical of it as usual.

Opposition Leader and PKR de facto chief Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim claimed that the budget was aimed at winning the hearts of the people.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said the budget gave the people the picture that the country was in a good financial position.

PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub claimed that Budget 2013 offered "cash" to the people without addressing more important issues such as education.

Budget 2013, tabled by Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in the Dewan Rakyat Friday, allocated RM38.7 billion to the Education Ministry. The allocation for education and training made up 21 per cent of the total allocation RM251.6 billion of the 2013 budget.

Penang Chief Minister and DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng proposed that the government make the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) an annual assistance.

BR1M provides a one-off payment of RM500 to households with a monthly income of up to RM3,000. It was first paid out under Budget 2012.

Under Budget 2013, single unmarried individuals earning up to RM2,000 would also be given a one-off payment of RM250 under BR1M.

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