

**BN Youth: PR's proposed floor wage will bankrupt companies**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 — Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth today attacked Pakatan Rakyat (PR)'s proposal to set the minimum wage at RM1,100, arguing that companies will go bankrupt over the extra RM200 per month for each employee.

"We worry (if) the floor wage is placed at a level that's too high, it will cause a disturbance to our economy," Khairy Jamaluddin, who is BN Youth chief, said at a press conference today.

"We must remember the purpose of minimum wage is to help workers. But if the floor wage is too high, many companies...will close down, (go) bankrupt."

He said PR's promises were "not realistic", adding that they were practising "brainless populism".

Khairy, who is also Umno Youth chief, said there should be a balance between the demands of employers and employees.

"What is the use if we have a high minimum wage but our economy stalls, unemployment increases and companies go out of business?" he asked.

The Najib administration this year had announced a monthly minimum wage policy set at RM900 for peninsula Malaysia and RM800 for east Malaysia.

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