

**PM's Office Volunteer Team Camps In Pokok Sena Since Friday**  
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ALOR SETAR, April 13 (Bernama) -- About 30 volunteers from the Prime Minister's office camped at the Pokok Sena Parliamentary constituency here since yesterday to service the community.

The People's Caring Volunteer Programme of the Prime Minister's office was also participated by 40 volunteers from the Kedah State Youth Department as well as several members of the Federal Village Development and Security Committee (JKKKP).

The Prime Minister's political secretary Datuk Shahlan Ismail said the programme carried out by the Prime Minister's private secretary Datuk Mohd Po'ad Jelani among others was to do volunteer work in rural areas.

He said this team had travelled to many areas including Lahad Datu and other places in Sabah.

"They came to carry out community work with the people and deliver gifts. This is our culture.

"This practice was cultivated by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak based on the principle of 1Malaysia. The Prime Minister wants us to understand the problems of the people and resolve them," he told reporters after joining a "gotong-royong" in Kampung Bukit, Pokok Sena today.

He said in this programme, volunteers were exposed to the uniqueness of Pokok Sena part of which is in Alor Setar town, a bit on the town fringe and some of the areas are in the interior.

Meanwhile, Mohd Po'ad said the volunteers, known as the 1Malaysia PM's Office Volunteer Team had been set up for four years.

"We move throughout the country to feel the pulse of the nation as required by the Prime Minister, to help those in need. Even though we are busy in office, we do not forget our spirit of volunteerism.

"We are out of the office to understand the people's feelings especially over the weekend. It is our responsibility to assist the Prime Minister who is committed to protect the people," he said, adding that the volunteer team will be going to Pahang after this.

Also present was Pokok Sena Umno chief Datuk Ahmad Lebai Sudin and the Prime Minister's press secretary, Rozilan Salleh.

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