

3,500 in Putrajaya get BR1M
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PUTRAJAYA: About 3,500 eligible Putrajaya residents received the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) 2.0 here, yesterday. It was presented to them by Barisan Nasional secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

The second round of the 1Malaysia People's Aid was launched last week by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

An estimated RM3 billion in the first stage of BR1M 2.0 will be distributed to 7.3 million people.

Speaking to reporters after the presentation ceremony, Tengku Adnan expressed his gratitude for Najib's confidence in entrusting him with the defence of the Putrajaya parliamentary seat at the 13th general election.

"Recently, the prime minister announced me as the Putrajaya parliamentary candidate," he said, adding that as BN chairman it was Najib's prerogative to finalise the candidates' list.

On Feb 7, Najib, who is Umno president, made the announcement before a crowd of 2,500 guests at Sekolah Sultan Alam Shah's Golden Jubilee celebrations here.

Tengku Adnan is Putrajaya's first people's representative since 2004 and managed to defend the seat in the 2008 general election by defeating Pas candidate, Mohamad Noor Mohamad.

In a separate development, he criticised the Selangor and Penang state governments' alleged cowardly action of removing Najib's posters and banners wishing the Chinese community a "Happy Chinese New Year".

He said it clearly proved the opposition could not accept Najib's popularity with the people.

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