

**More Beneficial To Give BR1M Than Reduce Petrol Price - Najib
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BAGAN SERAI, April 26 (Bernama) -- Giving the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) is more beneficial than reducing the petrol price as promised by the opposition, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Friday.

The prime minister said the needy would benefit more from the giving of BR1M rich

"We reduce the petrol price, who profits? The rich also profit, the rich driving big cars also profit, tourists also profit, illegal immigrants also profit, petrol sellers also profit.

"If we give BR1M, who profits? The people...now we (the needy) get five pieces (of RM100 notes)," he said asking the people to compare whether reducing the petrol price is more beneficial than giving BR1M.

He said this at gathering with the people of the Bagan Serai parliamentary constituency here.

Najib said giving BR1M enabled the target group to use the money according to their individual needs.

"When we get BR1M, we can decide (to use it for what we need). When we get BR1M not only we profit. Who else profit? The traders also profit, all traders profit, the farmers' and weekly markets also profit.

"Our economy blooms, the westerners call it domestic demand. Our economic theory is correct," he added.

Najib said Malaysia had its own strength because it could manage its economy well.

What the BN government was doing was in line with the slogan, "People First", he said.

"We have shown that we are a government that puts the people first. I don't make slogans, I make this our philosophy. That's why whatever we do is in the interest and for the well-being of the people," he said

He said the opposition only made promises that had not been established could be implemented.

"What did he (opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim) do when he was finance minister? I say that a leader's worth is judged on what he did when in power, not when he has no power. When not in power he can make promises to abolish this and that," he said

The gathering was attended by about 5,000 residents in Bagan Serai and Najib was escorted by a convoy of 1,000 people.

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