

Foot your own fuel bill, PKR tells ministers, deputies
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PKR wants ministers and their deputies to pay for their own petrol and show solidarity with the people.

The party's strategic director, Rafizi Ramli (pic), said this would ensure that they "understand the suffering of the people".

"If all of us have to shoulder the burden, this is the least they can do. They can do this immediately," he said at a press conference at the PKR headquarters today.

Ministers and deputy ministers have petrol allowances, paid by the government, while on official duty.

Najib had announced a 20-sen hike in RON95 petrol and diesel prices yesterday, pointing out that the new prices will save the government at least RM1.1 billion.

In order to reduce the burden of the increase on the public, Najib said the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) payout would be increased this year.

Immediately after the announcement, outraged Malaysians formed long queues at petrol stations to fuel up and took to social media to express their views.

However, economists hailed it as the right move to address the ever-increasing government debt, which currently stands at 53.5% as at the end of last year.

Rafizi also said Najib should assure Malaysians that there will not be any hike in other tariffs and services for at least a year.

He also wants a debate with Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin on this issue and will issue an invitation to the latter soon.

"We chose Khairy because the others were afraid to debate with us. I've no doubt he will be willing to do so. He has to justify (the hike) on behalf of the Cabinet," he said. - September 3, 2013.

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