

**BR1M, Government's Way To Transfer Country's Short-Term Wealth To People - Najib
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JOHOR BA HARU, May 16 (Bernama) -- The 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) is not aimed to make people lazy but it is a social network of the people and the government's way to transfer the country's short-term wealth to the people.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the government's intention was to ease the people's burden in dealing with the rising cost of living.

"This was not my proposal, it was proposed by the fiscal committee and Bank Negara to help 40 per cent of the people, not to buy votes or for political purposes, but to help the people," he said.

Najib, who is also Finance Minister said this in his speech at a ceremony to hand over the Melana Indah Phase 1 People's Housing Project (PPR), here Saturday.

His statement was seen as alluding to former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's criticism over the annual cash handout recently.

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