

Try living on RM1,500 a month, Syed Saddiq tells PM
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PPBM Youth chief says this may help Prime Minister Najib Razak understand the plight faced by most Malaysians.

PETALING JAYA: PPBM Youth chief Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman has challenged Prime Minister Najib Razak to attempt living on a mere RM1,500 a month.

He said this would help Najib prove his claim that the cost of living in Malaysia was among the lowest in Asean countries, Sinar Harian reported yesterday.

“Why doesn’t he (Najib) try living on a salary of RM1,500 like a lot of Malaysians do? Try buying things with that kind of salary... can he live, is it easy?” the daily quoted Syed Saddiq as saying.

Najib’s statement was based on a worldwide survey on the cost of living conducted by the Economist Intelligence Unit for 2017 that compared the prices of goods and services in 133 cities around the world.

Despite the positive result, Najib gave his assurances last month that it did not mean in any way that Putrajaya would stop trying to alleviate the people’s burden due to the rising cost of living in the country.

He said the government was prioritising the issue in its bid to transform Malaysia into a fully developed high-income nation.

“We have done a lot of work to ease the people’s burden related to the rising cost of living.

“Among the efforts by the authorities are the price controls on goods, the distribution of BR1M (1Malaysia People’s Aid), the eradication of the middleman and so on,” he said in a blog post titled “Prime Minister’s Speech on the Quality of People’s Life”.

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