

# PM: BR1M will be paid starting Jan 28

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) will be paid to eligible households in phases starting Jan 28, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

In a post on his Facebook page yesterday, he reminded eligible applicants to submit the completed forms by Thursday.

"The BR1M 2016 application will be closed on Dec 31.

"If you have not submitted an application or updated your application, please do so immediately at the portal or obtain the forms at LHDN (Inland Revenue Board) branches or UTCs (Urban Transformation Centres)."

The prime minister said if the forms were complete and applicants were eligible, payment would be made in stages.

Najib, who is also finance minister, tabled the 2016 Budget on Oct 23, where he announced that assistance for households with a monthly income of RM3,000 and below would be increased from RM950 to RM1,000.

He said assistance for households with a monthly income of between RM3,001 and RM4,000 would be raised from RM750 to RM800.

For single individuals aged 21 and above with a monthly income not exceeding RM2,000, the assistance would be increased from RM350 to RM400.

The government had said BR1M was expected to benefit 4.7 million households and 2.7 million single individuals, with an allocation of RM5.9 billion.

This is a move that will be continued by the government to reduce the burden of the cost of living.