

New Straits Times - 600,000 BR1M Applicants Rejected

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THE government has rejected about 600,000 new applications for the iMalaysia People's Aid (BR1M) disbursement this year due to their monthly salary exceeding the RM4,000 limit, said Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani.

He said there were even those with a monthly salary of RM12,000 who applied for the cash aid.

Johari said the government

received applications from more than 310,000 individuals with a monthly income of between RM5,000 and RM12,000.

"BR1M is meant to be given to the targeted group with an income not exceeding RM4,000 per month. This is why we have to do the verification process," he said, adding that because there is currently no verification process, the government had paid out RM700 million to non-eligible

applicants," he told a press conference at the Parliament building.

Johari said he had directed for BR1M to be remitted by next week into the bank accounts of 705,662 eligible applicants who had not received the cash.

He said BR1M payments to the group was delayed as they had failed to update their income details before the announced deadline on Dec 31 last year.

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He added a grace period of three months would be given to those who had not updated the necessary details, failing which the second BR1M payment would not be remitted to them.

Johari said the government would not fail to disburse payments to those who were eligible.

"There is no reason for the government not to hand the aid to those who really need it."