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PUTRAJAYA, 27 Mac -- To give a clearer picture of what's in it for the people with the implementation of the People-Centric Economic Stimulus Package (PRIHATIN) today, Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin used the Makcik Kiah pisang goreng seller analogy which brought cheer to many who have been contemplating a bleak future as COVID-19 spreads.

"Of all the initiatives, I want to give you a simple example to make it easier for you to understand," he began.

"There is this Makcik Kiah who lives at Desa Tun Razak PPR. She sells pisang goreng while her husband, a government retiree, is now a Grab driver.

"Her son is a PTPTN borrower and Makcik Kiah's household income is below RM4,000 a month. Now, listen carefully while I calculate how much Makcik Kiah will benefit from the RM250 billion PRIHATIN which was just announced," he said.

According to Muhyiddin, under the package, Makcik Kiah's family would receive Bantuan Prihatin Nasional aid of RM1,600, Cost of Living Aid (BSH) of RM600, RM500 pension aid, and e-hailing cash aid of RM500.

"And if Makcik Kiah's husband is a RELA volunteer, he will get RM200 a month until the pandemic is over. Overall, the family stands to get at least RM3,400," he said.

In addition, Makcik Kiah's family will be able to save RM744 from the People's Housing Programme (PPR) six-month rental deferment, another RM1,800 from the six-month deferment of car loan payment and RM120 on electricity bill savings.



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He added that Makcik Kiah's son would also be able to save RM1,200 with the deferment in PTPTN loan payment for six months.

Elaborating further, the prime minister said if Makcik Kiah had taken a micro-credit loan for her pisang goreng business with a monthly loan repayment of RM100, she could have another RM600 at her disposal, making the total savings RM4,464.

"Therefore, in total, with the cash aid plus savings, Makcik Kiah's family stands to enjoy RM7,864 in benefits and all these will definitely put a smile on her face," he added.

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