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# Dr M: Anwar set up PTPTN

**NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION FUND:** Continue facility for those who want to enjoy the benefits, says ex-PM

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**SINTOK**

**T**UN Dr Mahathir Mohamad pointed out yesterday that the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN), which Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim intends to abolish, was set up when the opposition leader was a deputy prime minister and fi-

nance minister.

“That’s Anwar. He doesn’t know what he is talking about; he is forgetful,” he said when asked to comment on the statement by Anwar that he would abolish the PTPTN if Pakatan wins the next election.

Dr Mahathir said the PTPTN facility could be abolished for those

who wanted the scheme scrapped.

“But we can continue to give (the facility) to those who do not want the PTPTN to be abolished,” he said.

Meanwhile, Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam challenged the opposition to provide free education in the states controlled by them and

to fully finance the cost to pursue higher education in the country.

“They should first do this before asking the Barisan Nasional (BN) government to abolish the PTPTN.

“They should also provide free education not only at universities in their respective states but also in

other universities, including private universities,” he said after opening the Bera Umno divisional meeting in Malacca

“It’s puzzling why now Anwar wants to instigate students to go against the PTPTN but did nothing to abolish the loan scheme when he was in the government.”

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