

**Promise To Dispose Of PTPTN Loans Is Political Rhetorics - PTPTN Chairman
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KUALA KRAU, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- The promise of the opposition to write off National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) loans if it comes into power, is merely a political gimmick to entice the support of the younger generations, said PTPTN chairman Datuk Ismail Mohamed Said.

He said the people needed to be aware that the opposition would now make numerous promises in their effort to get support in the next general election.

"The opposition chief, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who made the promise is not being realistic.

"He did suggest, when he was Deputy Prime Minister, that the government borrow from the International Monetary Fund during the economic crisis, now he wants to dispose off PTPTN loans," he told reporters after handing 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) to 233 residents from the Kerdu state constituency here.

Ismail, who is also Member of Parliament for Kuala Krau, said the people must think rationally to every promise made by the opposition, at this time, because most were not based on reality.

"PTPTN spent RM38 million since 2007 to help students continue their studies at local public and private institutions of higher learning," he said.

He said PTPTN had also been flexible over repayments of the loans.

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