

500 IPTS Will Be Affected If PTPTN Abolished - Ahmad Maslan
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PONTIAN, April 22 (Bernama) -- Nearly 500 private higher education institutions (IPTS) in the country will be affected if the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) is abolished, said Deputy minister in Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Ahmad Maslan.

He told Bernama here today that many IPTS students finance their education by borrowing from PTPTN.

"The abolishment of PTPTN will have a negative impact on the development of the local higher education industry and private universities may be closed due to the possibility of students not having the means to finance their higher education," he said after attending Sekolah Agama Bantuan Kerajaan An-Nur's Parent-Teacher Association meeting in Benut near here today.

Ahmad, who is also Umno Information Chief, said the 20 public institutions of higher learning (IPTAs) would also not be able to absorb all higher education students in the country if private universities that depended on PTPTN were not operational.

In this regard, Ahmad who is also Pontian member of parliament, urged the opposition who wanted PTPTN to be abolished, to think again by taking into account other factors and not play politics.

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