

Don't fall for Opposition's big sale, says Muhyiddin
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THE public should not be trapped and deceived by election promises made by the Opposition because it will only lead the country to bankruptcy, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The deputy prime minister said it was the "big sale" season for Pakatan Rakyat (PR) with its offer to abolish National Higher Education Corporation Fund (PTPTN) loans, and offering free education and water.

He said the promises were mere election gimmicks.

"The Barisan Nasional (BN) government wants the people to understand and not let the people be deceived by certain groups on the other side," he said during a meet-the-people session at Pekan Sungai Besi.

"You know who they are. They like to tell stories. I have heard what Karpal Singh, (Datuk Seri Abdul) Hadi Awang, and the Opposition are offering, like they are having a sale.

"This is akin to 'The Big Sale', like what we have at the Tourism Ministry with great offers to attract customers. So, the Opposition only sees us as customers by giving interesting offers like abolishing

National Higher Education Corporation (PTPTN) loans, (and offering) free water, free food, and free everything."

Muhyiddin said that on the contrary, the federal government was not about political rhetoric but serious in its efforts to safeguard the welfare and interest of the public.

"People often get excited when listening to the promises made by the Opposition. I would also get excited if I didn't think rationally. If they want to promise everything then why not offer the moon? I also want the moon. Why not offer the stars? I also want the stars and, if possible, I want it to fall onto my lap," he said.

"But we all know that when the election is near, many special offers will be made. When we do something, it must be done properly because it could lead the country to bankruptcy."

Earlier, in Cheras, Muhyiddin said that BN would never pawn the country to win an election unlike Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"This is reality, we talk based on facts," he said at a forum with local NGOs in the Federal Territory.

"We walk the talk because we know what we doing and we would not be rushed into a

decision. Anwar wants to abolish PTPTN loans. He wants to give free education but where will the RM43 billion come from?

"Does he have magic wand or a magic lamp? Where is the money going to come from to help fund our education? Nothing is free."

Muhyiddin said PR was prioritising its interest over public welfare and willing to promising anything.

"They are not reasonable. You can see Anwar with his fiery speeches but all of it is baseless. They only want Putrajaya."

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