

**Umno Youth Lauds Decision To Postpone CCRIS Blacklisting
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth has lauded the government's decision to postpone the list errant borrowers of the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) in the Central Credit Reference Information System (CCRIS).

Its chief, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar, said the decision was apt with the current situation.

"The method is truly unsuitable, there are so many other ways that can be used to get the borrowers to repay their loans.

"We can also take legal action against the errant borrowers. Why do we have to scare or blacklist those who are slow to pay or those who have applied for loan repayment exemption," he told reporters here Wednesday.

Khairy, who is also Youth and Sports Minister, said only five to six per cent of the PTPTN borrowers refused to pay their loans, while the rest were slow payers or were waiting to secure a more stable job before repaying their loans.

Meanwhile, Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan, who also lauded the decision, said it was apt as it could help reduce the burden faced by the borrowers.

However, he said it did not mean that the borrowers were spared from repaying the loans.

"When we borrow, we must repay. Islam also compels all Muslims to pay back their debts," he told Bernama at EXIM Bank Aidilfitri do here today.

The decision to postpone the blacklisting of the errant PTPTN borrowers in CCRIS with the cooperation of Bank Negara was announced by Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

He said the decision was made at the Cabinet meeting today and further action would be decided after getting the views of all quarters.

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