Dr M points finger at Anwar over PTPTN

SINTOK: Former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad pointed out 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 finance 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.

Mahathir said the PTPTN facility can 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.

Mahathir also said he feels that the 13th general election will be held soon as the situation "looks good" for the ruling coalition.

“I think it won’t be too long into the future because there isn’t much time left: we only have until middle of next year. If we think we can win, we can call the election," he told reporters after attending Universiti Utara Malaysia’s (UUM) 28th anniversary, here yesterday.

"Even now, it looks good," he said when asked when was a suitable time to hold the polls. – Bernama