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Asasi regrets ISA is still used

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Islamic Academy of Science Malaysia (Asasi) has expressed regret over the continued use of the Internal Security Act and the police's contention that it is still needed to counter threats to national security.

Its president Prof Shaharir Mohamad Zain said in a statement today that it was heartened to note news reports that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad himself did not approve of the ISA.

Although the recent release of detainees under the Act, especially of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, was welcomed, it could not accept the reasoning that Malaysians were not prepared to see the ISA abolished.

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