

KDN poll: Pro-ISA voters win the day
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The Home Ministry's online poll on the Internal Security Act (ISA) came to an end at the stroke of midnight amid suspicion and denial of rigging.

And the conclusion? The majority wanted the government to continue with the review process of the law.

The final count revealed that a total of 41,314 responses were recorded for the most important of the five questions which read '*Apa yang anda mahu dari ISA?*' (What do you want from the ISA?).




The three optional answers given were 'Repeal', 'Continue with the review' and 'I am confused'.




Fifty-eight percent or 23,850 respondents wanted the review process to continue while 17,399 or 42 percent called for the law to be abolished. Whereas 65 people remained 'confused'.




As for the question, '*Pada pandangan anda, ISA adalah..*' (In your view, the ISA is...), the majority (21,444 or 57 percent) saw it as a 'preventive law' while 16,089 (42 percent) considered it to be 'draconian'.




There was a total 37,944 responses for this question.




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Pada pandangan anda, ISA adalah...			
Preventive law		57%	21,444
Draconian law		42%	16,089
Tidak Pasti		1%	411
Total: 37,944 responses			

Adakah anda faham dan tahu sepenuhnya mengenai ISA?			
Ya, saya tahu dan faham.		93%	15,552
Saya tidak tahu dan tidak faham		2%	322
Saya keliru		5%	779
Total: 16,653 responses			

Bagaimana anda mengetahui tentang ISA?			
Melalui bacaan		94%	15,117
Mendengar cakap-cakap		2%	356
Tangkap muat		4%	615
Total: 16,088 responses			

Apa yang anda mahu dari ISA?			
Dimansuhkan		42%	17,399
Diteruskan dengan semakan		58%	23,850
Saya keliru		0%	65
Total: 41,314 responses			

Tahukah anda, Amerika Syarikat dan Britain turut mempunyai undang-undang pencegahan mereka yang dikenali sebagai Anti Terrorism Act dan Patriot Act. ISA (Malaysia) adalah salah satu undang-undang yang dirujuk oleh mereka.			
Ya saya tahu		56%	8,994
Saya tidak tahu		3%	539
Tidak memberi apa-apa makna kepada saya		41%	6,574
Total: 16,107 responses			

Initially, the poll - which commenced on Aug 5 - saw an overwhelming number of respondents [denouncing](#) the legislation as draconian and calling for its repeal.

However, suddenly the figures shot up in favour of the government's move to review the law.

The sharp spike - of about 17,000 in two days - led some to wonder if the poll had been [tampered with](#).

Suspensions were raised when almost all of the new voters only answered the abovementioned two of the five questions.

These two crucial questions drew twice the number of voters than three other questions, which asked respondents how they learned about the law, whether they understand it in total and if they were aware that the United States and United Kingdom had similar laws.

Ministry denies rigging

Home Ministry corporate communications chief Jamilah Taib denied that the website's editorial staff had rigged the poll.

The poll came in the wake of a recent massive street protest against the law.

Led by opposition leaders, some 30,000 people jammed the traffic arteries of Kuala Lumpur, leading to the police firing tear gas and water cannons to disperse the crowd.

Nearly 600 people were detained. Of this figure, 29 have been charged with illegal assembly and violating the Societies Act.

Crafted to deal with the communist insurgency in the 1960s, the ISA earned notoriety when it was used against political dissents.

The most notable crackdown being 'Ops Lalang' in 1987 which saw more than 100 people being detained during the tenure of former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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