

Parliament: Dewan Negara Approves Motion Revoking Emergency Proclamations
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- The Dewan Negara today approved a motion revoking the emergency proclamations of 1966, 1969 and 1977.

The 1969 emergency proclamation was issued on May 15, 1969, following racial riots two days earlier.

The 1966 and 1977 emergency proclamations, issued on Sept 14, 1966, in Sarawak and Nov 8, 1977, in Kelantan, respectively, were aimed at resolving political disputes in the two states.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Liew Viu Keong, when tabling the motion, said the emergency proclamations were being revoked because there no longer existed any situation which threatened security, economic life or public order in the country.

He said the revocation would deem null and void, within six months hence, all ordinances issued when the emergency proclamations were in force.

He also said that appropriate measures would have to be taken to ensure that the government did not face any difficulty or obstacle in controlling crime and other matters, including terrorism, which can pose a threat to security, economic life or public order.

Liew said the revocation of the emergency proclamations reflected the government's readiness to reform laws to make them relevant to current needs and strengthen efforts to ensure that the country remained progressive.

The Dewan Rakyat approved the motion revoking the three emergency proclamations after it was tabled on Nov 24 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

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