

**PM Can Now Build Momentum To Repeal ISA, Says Analyst  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- Political analyst Dr Ong Kian Ming says that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak can now continue to build momentum by making good on his promise of repealing the Internal Security Act (ISA) in Parliament in March.

His comment was quoted by The Straits Times in a recent article which said that the acquittal of Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on a sodomy charge suggested that the general election may come sooner rather than later.

Najib's announcement about doing away with the unpopular law, made last September, had won him widespread praise, the newspaper article said.

"In the light of these developments, it makes sense not to delay the election," said Dr Ong, who is from the Faculty of Economics and Policy Science (FEPS), UCSI University.

Bernama regrets for having wrongly quoted Dr Ong in an earlier article as having commented on the independence of Malaysia's judiciary, that the judgement on Anwar proved that the government held no sway over it and it would also return some credibility to the Barisan Nasional (BN) government, and that it would continue building on Najib's image as a moderate reformist.

The comments were made by the writer of the article.

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