

**Unwise To Use ISA Unless National Security Threatened- Hishammuddin
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BAGAN DATOH, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- It is not appropriate to use the Internal Security Act (ISA) against a politician as long he does not threaten the national security, said Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

Nevertheless, he said a politician could be subjected to laws determined by the Attorney-General.

"While awaiting a legal redress, it does not mean we cannot do anything sensible to correct the misconception," he told reporters after attending the Bagan Datoh parliamentary constituency Aidilfitri open house here Sunday.

He was commenting PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu (better known as Mat Sabu)'s remarks that those who attacked the Bukit Kepong police station during the pre-independence communist insurgency and killed 25 people were the actual "freedom fighters".

Hishammuddin said ex-servicemen and ex-policemen associations had embarked on a campaign to rebut Mat Sabu's uncalled for remarks and enlighten the people on the atrocities afflicted by communist insurgents.

Hishammuddin, who is also Umno vice-president, brushed aside a statement by PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang in a news portal that the controversy was exploited by Barisan Nasional to deviate the people's attention from a scam being planned before the next general election.

"It is unfair to blame the BN when the issue was raised by a PAS leader," he said, adding that let the judge the uproar over Mat Sabu's remarks as the opposition had the penchant for criticising the monarchy, police and armed forces to gain a political mileage.

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