

**Abolition Of ISA Welcomed, But We Will Wait For The New Laws, Says Mat Sabu
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KOTA KINABALU, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- Although PAS welcomed the abolition of the Internal Security Act (ISA), it will wait for the two new replacement Acts to see if they will be the same as ISA, said PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu.

"We definitely pushed and fought for the ISA to be abolished. We do not want this announcement to be an election gimmick because this is really what a large part of the population wants," he said here.

In his special Malaysia Day address Thursday night, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced that the ISA would be abolished and replaced by two new appropriate statutes to protect the peace, harmony and security of the nation.

The Prime Minister said the new laws would be in line with Article 149 of the Federal Constitution, to prevent subversive activities, organised terrorism and crime.

In relation to the announcement of the abolition of the Banishment Act 1959, comprehensive review of the Restricted Residence Act 1933, Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984, and Section 27 of the Police Act 1967, Mohammad said he hoped all political parties and non-governmental organisations would get fair media access in the future.

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