

**Replacing ISA With Two New Acts Not Political Gimmick - Koh
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GEORGE TOWN, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- The government's intention to do away with the Internal Security Act (ISA) and replace it with two new acts pertaining to anti-terrorism and national security is a political gimmick, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

He said no one should question the government's earnestness in formulating the anti-terrorism and national security bills.

"The decision to repeal the ISA was done with public interest uppermost in our minds and not to gain momentum in the run-up to the 13th general election," he told reporters after opening the Gerakan Annual General Meeting here Sunday.

Koh, who is also Gerakan president, said the people should not be judgemental as the bills had yet to be formulated and tabled in Parliament.

In his Malaysia Day message on Thursday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had announced that the ISA would be repealed and two new laws would be enacted to protect the peace, harmony and security of the country.

On Najib's call to Barisan Nasional component parties not to be stricken with the 'syok sendiri' (self-gratification) syndrome, Koh said, "We must enhance our resolve by adopting service to the people first approach as politics is meant to serve the people, not to clamour for positions and power."

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