

**Abolishing ISA BN's Decision, Not Due To Struggle Of Others, Says Najib
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SHAH ALAM, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today stressed that the decision to abolish the Internal Security Act (ISA) was a decision made by the Barisan Nasional (BN) government and not due of the struggle of others.

As such, he said, other parties should not claim credit that his announcement to abolish the ISA was due their championing for it.

"The decision was made because the BN government is one which listen's to the voice of the people, who wish for such a change (abolishment of the ISA) and not because others are championing for an end to the ISA," he said when addressing a gathering of BN supporters at Dewan Agong Tuanku Canselor, Universiti Teknologi MARA here.

In his Malaysia Day message on Thursday, Najib had announced that the ISA would be abolished and replaced with two new laws to specifically address terrorism and threats to national security.

Najib also explained that the decision to end the ISA was in line with his wish to review the legislation when taking over as prime minister two years ago.

He said the change would put Malaysia on a solid track towards becoming a more progressive democracy.

"We wish to see a balance between openness and individual rights while at the same time preserving peace and harmony," he said, adding that the BN government would develop Malaysia to a be more progressive, modern and open nation which would reach out to help those who need it in an inclusive manner.

"We will also build a nation that looks after both the interests of the public and the individual because Malaysian society now is a knowledge society which demands renewal to assure the people's future as well as civil liberties," he said.

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