

**ISA Repealed To Make Malaysia Best Democracy, Says Najib
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PEKAN, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today the repeal of the Internal Security Act is an effort to make Malaysia the best democracy in the world.

The Prime Minister said the repeal of the ISA was possible at this time because of the success in developing the nation, the increasing maturity of the people and the greater awareness of human rights in society.

"It was not due to pressure from any quarter," he stressed at his Aidilfitri open house here which was attended by about 50,000 people. Also present was his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Najib said that changes to the law were part of the political transformation that the government was carrying out from the aspect of human rights.

"The time has come for us to take another step forward not only in economics and education but also in upholding democratic principles," he added.

He said the BN government would continue to champion the cause of the people "in all aspects" for their well-being.

The Prime Minister said the uniqueness of Malaysia must be preserved with multiracial harmony as the country surged ahead.

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