

**Opposition Must Never Discount Terrorist Threat**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- The opposition pact of PKR-DAP-PAS must never discount terrorist threat when it likens the new preventive laws aimed at thwarting terrorism and militants to replace the Internal Security Act (ISA) as "old wine in new bottle".

Sabah MCA chairman Datuk Edward Khoo said he was disappointed that the opposition had conveniently forgotten that in Malaysian history, the country had its fair share of unnecessary subversive and terrorist activities.

"As a Sabahan, I remember my shock and anguish when Sipadan Island, one of the best scuba diving sites in the world, had its tranquility rudely disrupted in 2000 when Abu Sayyaf terrorists from the Philippines staged a daring kidnap of Malaysian resort workers, divers and international tourists," he said in a statement here.

He said the home minister had explained that the 13 detained recently in Tawau under the ISA were caught with firearms and explosives, and their detention was through the cooperation of Malaysia and Indonesia.

Khoo said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had kept to the pledge of taking steps to abolish the ISA and announced that the ISA would be replaced by two new acts to fight terrorism.

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