

**Envoy hails PM's ISA move**  
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**IPOH:** The United States says the repeal of the Internal Security Act 1960 is a step forward for civil liberty.

Its ambassador to Malaysia, Paul W. Jones, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had made a commitment to the vision of expanding civil liberty.

"We are looking forward to seeing how Malaysia and Parliament move forward after withdrawing the act.

"People around the globe are interested in looking upon the expansion of civil liberties... it is a challenge for all countries but national security must be protected."

Jones said it was up to Malaysia to introduce new laws to maintain the security and peace of the country.

"We have had healthy debates on how to tackle matters like counter- terrorism while maintaining civil liberties," he said after calling on Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir at his office here yesterday.

"I heard that the home minister intends to seek views from the United States and the United Kingdom... we are happy to share our experience."

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