

Bill to preserve territorial integrity
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FOLLOWING the annulment of three Emergency Ordinances on Dec 20 last year, the Territorial Sea Bill was tabled at the Dewan Rakyat yesterday to preserve the territorial integrity of the country.

The bill was tabled for the first reading by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz.

The three Emergency Ordinances are the emergency proclamation issued by the king on 1969 due to the May 13 racial riots, and the emergency proclamations issued on 1966 and 1979, respectively, to resolve political disputes in Sarawak and Kelantan. The bill proposed that the breadth of Malaysia's territorial sea be at 12 nautical miles.

The bill also stated the sovereignty of the territorial sea be vested and exercisable by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

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