

New security bill set for second reading
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KUALA LUMPUR: The highly-anticipated Security Offences (Special Measures) Bill 2012 will be tabled for its second reading Monday.

[Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak](#) is scheduled to table it in Parliament at 10am.

The Bill was drawn up following an announcement by the Prime Minister on his Malaysia Day message last year that the contentious Internal Security Act would be repealed as part of government efforts for political transformation.

The Security Offences Bill was tabled for the first reading last week by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department [Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz](#).

Among others, the Bill stipulates that a suspect may be detained without trial for a maximum of 28 days, and may claim trial in an open court.

It also provides for a judicial review of an arrest or detention, and stipulates that no person shall be detained for his political ideology.

While seeking to broaden civil liberties, the proposed Act recognises the grave threat of terrorism, sabotage and espionage.

Security offences include waging war against the Yang di-Pertuan Agong or aiding the escape of a prisoner of the State as listed under Chapter VI and VIA of the Penal Code.

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