

**Changes to two more Acts, says Najib**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: The Sedition Act 1984 will be reviewed and a new law formulated to replace the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984 as part of the Government's political transformation efforts.

Announcing the measures at the Dewan Rakyat, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said: "We are not afraid to compete in the democratic arena and neither do we fear comparing ideas and policies with anyone."

"The Government is open because we believe the era of us knowing everything has ended and we realise the era of the Government monopolising wisdom is over," Najib added when tabling the Security Offences (Special Measures) Bill 2012 for second reading.

While reviewing the Sedition Act, the Prime Minister said safeguards would still be in place to prevent anyone from inciting hatred and insulting or creating the feeling of being disloyal to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"They will also ensure that no one will be allowed to spread ill feelings, animosity or hostility among races and to question issues, rights, status, position, privileges, sovereignty or prerogative as stated or protected under Articles 151, 153 and 181 of the Federal Constitution," he said.

Najib also gave the assurance that while a new law would be drawn up to replace the Printing Presses and Publications Act, the Government will keep its promise to do away with the annual renewal of licence and the setting up a media council to self-regulate the industry.

"We believe we have done the best for citizens of Malaysia. We will continue to implement the best for the people.

"Obviously, our work is not completed. We need to strive harder to ensure our future generations live in a country that is peaceful, prosperous and free from fear and worry."

Najib said that efforts were being made to create a nation where the Constitution and sovereignty of the law would protect each individual so that he was free to voice his opinion, criticise, support, have differing views or become a member of any organisation.

"In short, no one will be punished merely because one executes his or her rights as guaranteed by the Federal Constitution and laws of the nation.

"We yearn for a Malaysia that is the best for its people. For that sake, the Barisan Nasional Government will continue to stand firm. We will never retreat but will soldier on to continue to undertake transformation," he said.

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