

Dr Mahathir Supports Abolition Of ISA
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad expressed his support for the abolition of the Internal Security Act (ISA) as announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the move would give greater freedom to Malaysians.

However, Dr Mahathir pointed out that the ISA, which was inherited from the British era, was actually not too cruel because Malaysians were still free to give their views and opinions.

"Not all of those who opened their mouth were immediately detained under the ISA...and the perception that there was no freedom in Malaysia was also not correct," he said at the Aidilfitri Open House organised by the KelabChedet.com here.

Dr Mahathir said the move to abolish the ISA placed Malaysia "on the moral high ground", in fact it could be considered as one level better than the developed nations such as the United States and Britain.

"After the abolition of the Act, we can start the campaign to seek the freedom of those detained without trial, for example, at the Guantanamo Bay detention centre.

"Previously, they criticised Malaysia purportedly for being cruel, detaining people without trial, but they are the ones doing it now.

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