

Suggestion To Bring Back ISA Needs Feedback From All Quarters
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PUTRAJAYA, July 31 (Bernama) - Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said the suggestion to bring back the Internal Security Act (ISA) should be studied and feedback gathered from all quarters.

"The spike in the crime rate is linked to the repeal of the Emergency Ordinance (EO) and the ISA and the government should implement measures to replace them".

Mohamad Shafie was speaking at a press conference after witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Rural and Regional Development Ministry and Syamille Agro Farm Sdn Bhd at his office here Wednesday.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi recently claimed that a high percentage of serious crimes of late involved former EO detainees who were released from prison.

Ahmad Zahid defended the Sedition Act 1948 for the sake of national security adding it would still be used although the government plans to replace it with a new Act.

On the MoU between the ministry and Syamille Agro Farm, Mohamad Shafie said the ministry has appointed Syamille as supplier for the bee farming project.

"The bee farming project is expected to generate income of more than RM10,000 monthly to participants due to high demand in the local and foreign markets."

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