

Anti-terror law not 'ISA 2', says Muhyiddin – Bernama
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Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Putrajaya had proposed the Prevention of Terrorism Act because there was a need for a specific law to check against terrorism in the country, as Malaysians were involved with such activities abroad.

He said the new act gives executive power to the Terrorism Prevention Board, whose members are appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, and those detained can meet their next of kin and seek the services of lawyers chosen by them.

The act, which was recently passed in Parliament, does not empower the minister to enforce it and Putrajaya has given an assurance that it will not interfere with political power.

He said it was not the same as the Internal Security Act which has been abolished.

"There are people claiming that the Pota is purportedly 'ISA 2' and this allegation is not true because it is specifically to tackle problems concerning terrorism," he said during a question and answer session at the Meeting With Malaysian Nationals in Jakarta yesterday.

The act was passed at 2.30 am yesterday following a 12-hour debate. – Bernama, April 8, 2015.

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