

50 Years of Darkness and the Light of a Candle

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1st August 2010 marked 50 years of the existence of the Internal Security Act (ISA). A nationwide candlelight vigil was organised, spearheaded by Gerakan Mansuhkan ISA (GMI) and SUARAM together with several civil society groups including Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia. What was meant to be a legitimate exercise of a right guaranteed in the Federal Constitution was smeared by the actions of the police. The aim of the vigil is simple, to show solidarity and make our stand clear that the ISA is beyond amendments and must be abolished. This event is a clear contrast from [last year's 1st August rally in the heart of Kuala Lumpur](#) but the actions of the authorities were the same if not worse. Here, we bring you images that tell the story of 1st August 2010 that took place in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

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Example of a stop and search by the police. The police are already aware of the protest and are trying to stop it before it starts.

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MB DSS Drive how we signed already by the official help from MBP things should be in the yellow paper

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the procedures as originally intended by the participants, using the people to disperse without following

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Rioting banerjesharged. With their shields and protective wear, they moved towards people

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allow us to exercise our right and to show their solidarity

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business and the paper has a long history of giving awards that are well deserved. It is a pity that 50 years of

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But candles are no match for batons. When the baton strikes, the body feels the pain.

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and the body and the head subject were being taken to the police station. Dragged along the

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The police effectively forced the people into the nearby shopping

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After a group of police officers had completed their duties, the rioters were brought down, imprisoning

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But how do you imprison a spirit? This girl showed all of us that you simply can't.

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And the spirit is colourful, it knows no difference between race, religion, gender, and age.

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On the night of the 13th, the police had to use tear gas to disperse the crowd, but people stayed on

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say they are always there and are not of the eyes, is the one who should be in the light of the candle

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your feelings mutual. If it is the other way around, you know I'd be standing here waiting for

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everyday was to be, it was renewed, and some even took time to exercise while waiting for

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When a man's eyes may be forced shut, the face may be swollen and bruised, but the spirit,-----
in the end, [Nandakumar Nandas](#)