Constitutional Law

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A. LEGISLATION
   Internal Security (Amendment) Act 1989
   Emergency (Public Order and Prevention of Crime) (Amendment) Act 1989
   Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) (Amendment) Act 1989

B. CASES
   1. Whether freedom of religion under article 11 can be restricted by the Internal Security Act
   2. Whether detainee’s presence is necessary to ensure fair and impartial hearing
   3. Whether failure to lay before Parliament a proclamation of a security area has any effect on its validity
   4. On detention in general

A. LEGISLATION

There were no amendments to the Federal Constitution this Survey year but a few Acts which affect rights under the Constitution have been amended.

Internal Security (Amendment) Act 1989 – Act A739
Emergency (Public Order and Prevention of Crime) (Amendment) 1989 – Act A740
Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) (Amendment) Act 1989 – Act A738

These three Acts will be dealt with under one heading as they have undergone similar changes.

New sections 8B, 7C and 11D of the Acts, respectively, were added. They sought to remove from judicial review all acts done and decisions made by the Yang di Pertuan Agong or the Minister in exercise of their discretionary powers under the Act except in relation to any procedural requirement governing such act or decision.