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The latest issue of *Praxis* — the chronicle of the Malaysian Bar — for the months of January to March 2017, is now available for download on the Malaysian Bar website. **Get your copy now!**

Highlights of what is in this special issue of *Praxis*:

(1) The Government’s proposed amendments to the Legal Profession Act 1976 (“LPA”)

Praxis spotlights this serious threat to the independence of the Malaysian Bar that came about in April 2016 and underscores the implications. We feature:

- a **message from Steven Thiru**, then-President of the Bar, on safeguarding the independence of the Bar;
- a **two-parter by Amanda Whiting**, a legal academic and legal historian with Melbourne Law School’s Asian Law Centre, on how the proposed amendments pose a threat to the rule of law, and the importance of the independence of the Bar; and
- the **support and encouragement** displayed by several foreign bars and law societies, as well as civil society organisations, from throughout the world, in defence of the independence of the Bar;

(2) The conferment of the first Union Internationale des Avocats (“UIA”) / LexisNexis Rule of Law Award, to the Malaysian Bar;

(3) Citation for V C George, recipient of the Malaysian Bar Lifetime Achievement Award 2017, and related speeches; and

(4) A review of *Anything but the Law* and *Abuse of Power*, two books authored by Tommy Thomas, Member of the Bar.

In order to reduce costs, copies of *Praxis* have been sent to law firms instead of individual Members, unlike in the past.

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Thank you.

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