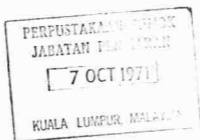




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THE
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FOREWORD

In November 1968, the country was warned of a serious threat to its security posed by militant Communism in West Malaysia. The Communists had planned for a revival of armed rebellion as a means of usurping constitutional power. These plans and their ramifications were revealed in a White Paper entitled "The Path of Violence to Absolute Power".

2. Events since then have indicated that Communist efforts to produce a situation favourable to an armed insurrection have borne some results. This was due to the support given by a small section of the population who are either disloyal or misled. These people, however, form an insignificant minority of the population.

3. The State of Sarawak in East Malaysia also faces a threat of armed Communism. However since the situation prevailing there differs substantially from that in West Malaysia, the Government will be issuing a separate White Paper on the security situation in that State.

4. Public awareness and understanding of the Communist plans to further their aims, which are contrary to Rukunegara, will contribute to greater **rapport** between the people and the Government and improve the effectiveness of the measures that must be taken by Government to meet the Communist challenge. The objective of this Paper is to improve that awareness and understanding among the public.

5. Government strategy to meet the Communist threat consists of a twin movement of security measures on the one hand, and economic development-cum-social integration on the other.

6. To date, the threat of armed insurrection by the Communists has been successfully contained. This was possible due to the alertness, dedication and sacrifice

of the security forces. In their task the security forces receive a great deal of assistance from the people who give valuable information and support.

7. The fight against Communist insurrection cannot, and should not, rest on the force of arms alone. The more important battle, one that can produce decisive victory and lasting peace, lies in the field of social and economic development. The only defence against subversion is a socially just and united society.

8. Simultaneous with security measures, Government has in the Second Malaysia Plan embarked on fundamental economic and social measures to accelerate investment and economic growth, with national unity through prosperity as the objective. Malaysians from all walks of life can look forward to a life of greater participation, prosperity and unity under the Plan.

9. Guided by Rukunegara, and assisted by wide-ranging Government measures under the Plan, we in this country are geared for a new era of hard work and dedication in the creation of a prosperous and integrated Malaysian society.

10. The Government is determined, with the support of the people, not to give the Communists a chance to subvert the new Malaysia that we are building. I am certain that the people will co-operate and support the Government in any measures that may be necessary to ensure the peace, prosperity and security of our country.



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