

Radicalisation and Terrorism Must Never Set Foot in Singapore, Says PM Lee
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SINGAPORE, Jan 20 (Bernama) -- Radicalisation and terrorism must never set foot in Singapore, says Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

He was referring to a news report on 27 Bangladeshi workers who were arrested by the Singapore Internal Security Department under the Internal Security Act (ISA).

"They have become radicalised and were planning armed violence," he said in his latest Facebook posting today. Fortunately they were plotting nefarious activities in Bangladesh, and not in Singapore. Nevertheless they are still a serious threat to us.

"We are tightening up our security and acting to protect our racial and religious harmony," he wrote.

The 27 Bangladeshi nationals who were working in the local construction industry were arrested between Nov 16 and Dec 1, 2015.

The Singapore Ministry of Home Affairs said 26 of them were members of a closed religious study group that subscribed to extremist beliefs and teachings of radical ideologues like Anwar al-Awlaki.

The Ministry said they supported the armed jihad ideology of terrorist groups like Al-Qaeda and the Daesh militant group.

"The Government will do its part, but everyone has to be on guard for suspicious activities that could harm our way of life," said Lee.

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