

**TEXT OF BROADCAST BY
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Since I last spoke to you over TV and Radio, the security situation on the Island of Penang has greatly improved. During the last 24 hours, there had been no incident and the hours of curfew have gradually been lifted. I would ask the people of Penang, the Leaders of the various communities and other loyal citizens, to continue to give their co-operation to the Government so that normal conditions can return to the Island soon.

However, although Penang is comparatively quiet, there had been sporadic incidents in the outlying villages in Province Wellesley, North Perak, and South of Kedah. And now this afternoon, there was an incident in Klang. These acts of violence and hooliganism are spreading to the rural areas. It is, therefore, clear that the Communists and their supporters are out to bring chaos and disorder to the country. They merely make use of the so-called 'hartal' as an excuse for them to carry out acts of violence in order to achieve their aim of taking over this country by force of arms. The Communists know that in a multi-racial country like this, the easiest way to create trouble is to resort to intimidation and violence, murders, arsons and make these acts appear to be inter-racial clashes.

I would, therefore, request responsible and loyal citizens of this country of all races not to play into the hands of the Communists and fall into their trap. The incidents that have taken place are not racial. They were merely acts of hooliganism by Communists and subversive elements. They try to make it appear racial in order to build up tension among the various communities in this country and by so doing they hope that these acts of violence will spread throughout Malaysia.

It is a matter of deep regret that since the incidents in Penang, so many lives have been lost and so many people have been injured and much property have been destroyed. The Government has taken and is taking whatever measures necessary to put an end to this. We have enough troops and policemen to patrol the towns and the villages. But the work of the Government would not be enough without the help and the co-operation of all loyal citizens in this country. You can do a lot to help maintain peace and order by not listening to mischievous rumours. We have now asked the State Governments, through the various District Officers and elected representatives of the people, to establish Goodwill Committees in all areas. In certain areas where incidents had taken place, we have asked people to come out and volunteer to help the Police in maintaining law and order. It should be clear to everyone that this outbreak of violence has resulted in not only loss of lives and property, but also in sufferings of the people themselves, particularly the poor. We must, therefore, do all we can to bring an end to these acts of violence and hooliganism. Those responsible for bringing this about have been brought to

book. We will continue to search for others on whom we have evidence of being directly associated with these acts of violence and hooliganism.

We, in Malaysia, have always been proud of the harmony and the goodwill that exists among our people of various races. The Communists and their supporters know that with the support that has always been given by the people to the Alliance Government, they have no hope of taking over the Government through democratic processes or by constitutional means. So now they are resorting to violence. The Government has taken and will take firm measures against these enemies of the State and people who have not the slightest interest in the welfare and happiness of our people and our country. I ask all of you to remain calm, to co-operate with the Government and not to take the law into your own hands. As I have said, there is no racial element in this trouble. It was started by the Communists and their supporters to create chaos and disorder in our country. During the 10 years of Independence, we in Malaysia have achieved great progress. Our people are enjoying a standard of living which they have never enjoyed before. But these Communists and subversive elements want to destroy all these, they want to bring chaos and disorder in the hope that they will be able to take over control of the country. We in the Alliance Government will do everything possible in our power to deal with these bad and dangerous elements, but you all, loyal citizens of this country, must play your part to help maintain law and order. We want to make this country happy and peaceful for all of us to live in and for our children in the years to come.

I appeal to all of you who are listening to me tonight to give your support and co-operation to the Government to bring an end to these acts of violence and hooliganism. I hope you who are able to listen to me now will pass on the words to the others and advise them to remain calm, and not to allow them to be influenced by these Communists and bad elements and instead to co-operate with the Government for their own interests, for the peace, security and happiness of all our people.