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SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TO THE
PEOPLE OF SINGAPORE OVER RADIO TELEVISION
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I am very pleased to have this opportunity to speak to the people of Singapore. Since I last spoke to you, the situation in Singapore has improved still further and in the last two days there have very few incidents indeed. In view of this, I have now decided with effect from tomorrow to lift the curfew completely for the whole island of Singapore.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Security Forces, Military and the Police, for the way in which they were able to bring the situation in Singapore under control and now to bring back conditions in the island to normal. Also, I should like to express my thanks to the people of Singapore, the Leaders of the various Communities, and members of the Goodwill Committee for the help and cooperation they have given to the Military and the Police Authorities in restoring law and order. I do hope now that the curfew has been lifted all of you will give your cooperation to the Government to see that further incidents would not occur again.

As I explained to you the last time I spoke to you that the recent incidents were caused by agents of the Jakarta regime. They were planted among the people of Singapore to stir up communal hatred and trouble so that there would be destruction of life in the island. I am pleased to say that most of these agents and collaborators have now been arrested. In the present state of Emergency when the country is faced with serious threats to its very survival by enemies from outside, there is no place in our country for people who are disloyal and who are carrying out activities in assisting and abetting the enemies. I would like to ask for your cooperation to help to bring to book any enemy agents that may still be found around in Singapore. Also, I would like your cooperation to try and dispel rumours brought about by enemy agents to stir up feelings of animosity among people of different communities and groups. All of us in this country, in Singapore and in Malaya have lived in peace and harmony for generations. There is not the slightest animosity among our people of various races. We must, therefore, do everything possible to strengthen these feelings of goodwill and friendship among our people so that we can face the enemies

from outside with unity and with all the strength **and** forces **at our** command. As the old saying — "United we stand, divided we fall" — **let** us, therefore, citizens of this country, whatever our racial origin may be, stand solidly united in this hour of national crisis to face the enemy and defend our country. Let us destroy the enemies in the State, whether they come from outside or inside our country. I am confident that with the united efforts of all the citizens of this country, we shall be able to drive the enemy from our shores and together build up a united, happy and prosperous Malaysia.