

PRESS STATEMENT

There appears to be no end in sight to the PAP government's arrogance. The latest is the statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs that "Singapore does not require a foreigner to tell Singapore and Singaporeans how our criminal justice should function" (ST April 17).

The statement makes clear that the PAP will only accept praise and not any criticism from anyone outside Singapore. It is like the ostrich burying its head in the sand.

I said at the forum that our criminal justice system was taking a calculated risk of sending innocent people to death and to incarceration in the prison for long terms: If the PAP government is serious about its claim of the quality of Singapore justice in Singapore, the least the PAP government should try and do is to answer my criticisms.

My previous calls to this government to debate have all been ignored'. If the government continues to remain silent, then it must be deemed to accept my, criticism that our system of criminal justice may be sending innocent people to death and to prison.

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