

PRESS STATEMENT

I see that the Prime Minister painted a fairy tale picture of the Singapore society in his address to the National University of Singapore Society (ST March 21). He has tried very hard to give the impression that in Singapore anyone will be allowed to make their contribution and that it is only merit that counts. He has tried to hide the stark reality of Singapore today - a society in the grip of a small minority, the qualification for membership of which is allegiance to the great leader and his ideals of what the society should be. Anyone who dares to challenge the great leader's vision for the society is branded an enemy of the people and someone to be destroyed.

The appointment to high places goes to those who accept all the ideals of the great. leader and his plan for implementation of the ideals. Under this system the society has become a society in which talent is deemed not to exist outside the inner circle, an admission made by SM Goh not so long ago. When all other developing countries are throwing off this yoke of minority rule, in Singapore the minority seem bent on entrenching their position.

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