

内政部：逮捕有理也作了完整交代

政府不设独委会调查政治逮捕事件

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政府明确表示过去援引内部安全法时都有充分的安全理由，而且依法妥善处理，并以此为由拒绝了16名前政治拘留者呼吁设立独立调查委员会的要求。

内政部昨天发表文告强调，共产主义分子在上个世纪40年代至70年代之间所展开的颠覆活动和暴力行径，都是历史的事

实。而政府在80年代末针对马克思主义的阴谋所采取的行动，在当时已经做了完整的解释及合理的交代，并在国会中进行了彻底的辩论。

“那些实际情况和事件对新加坡的安全是真实的威胁，绝非如前拘留者现在试图把它们简单地指为‘巧辩’（*rhetoric*），就可以轻描淡写地带过的。”

内政部指出，政府当

年援引内安法所做的拘留，都有充分的安全理由，而且是依法妥善处理。每一起拘留案件当时也经过一名由高庭法官主持的咨询委员会审理。

因此，它不认为在事件发生20多年后，还有必要设立独立调查委员会，以对当年的事件进行检讨。

16名前政治拘留者前天发表声明，以对内政部上星期五的文告作出回

应。他们要求政府设立一个调查委员会，以审查政府对他们及其他在内安法下的拘留者的指控，是否有正当理由。

这16人是林福寿医生、傅树楷医生、赛扎哈里、李思东、卢妙萍、庄明湖、陈辛、卓清枝、许庚犹、钟金全、张素兰、叶汉源、陈智成、刘月玲、黄淑仪和陈凤霞。

他们是前社会主义阵线领袖，在1963年代号

为“冷藏行动”的大规模搜捕行动中被扣留者，以及在1987年马克思主义分子企图颠覆政府事件中被逮捕者。

他们上星期也发表联合声明，敦促新加坡仿效马来西亚废除内安法。

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ISA detentions: Govt rejects call for inquiry

THE Government yesterday rejected a call by 16 former detainees for a commission of inquiry to investigate their detentions under the Internal Security Act (ISA).

The rejection, in a statement from the Home Affairs Ministry, came a day after the 16 said in a statement of their own that an independent commission should examine if allegations against them and all former ISA detainees were justified.

The 16 were detained in different waves of arrests between the 1960s and the 1980s.

In its response, the ministry said that the subversion and violence of the Communist insurgency from the 1940s to the 1970s are a historical reality.

It added that the Government's actions against the Marxist plot in the late 1980s had been fully explained and justified at the time, and extensively debated in Parliament.

"These actual situations and events which were real threats to Singapore's security cannot simply be dismissed as 'rhetoric', as the ex-detainees now try to do," the statement said.

"The detentions under the ISA were made for valid security reasons and properly dealt with according to the law. Every case was reviewed at that time by the Advisory Board chaired by a Supreme Court judge."

"The Government sees no reason to conduct a review now, more than 20 years after the event, via a commission of inquiry."

In their statement on Wednesday calling for a commission of inquiry, the 16 said that recent publications, memoirs and panel discussions by historians and former detainees gave accounts different from the official narrative on the events surrounding their arrests.

In an earlier statement, on Sept 23, the ministry noted that the 16 were detained for their involvement in subversive activities which posed a threat to national security and not for their political beliefs.

The nine who were detained before the 1980s were actively involved in Communist United Front activities in support of the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM), which sought to overthrow the governments of Singapore and Malaysia.

The seven detained in the 1980s were involved in a Marxist plot that was part of the CPM's renewed efforts to rebuild the united front by penetrating and manipulating legally established organisations.

The Government has maintained that Singapore will not scrap the ISA as it remained "relevant and crucial" as a measure of last resort to keep the country safe and secure.