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The Government has today re-detained the following four detainees after they were released from detention following the decision of the Court of Appeal delivered this morning:

Teo Soh Lung
Kevin De Souza
Wong Souk Yee
Chng Suan Tze

They have been served with fresh Orders of Detention for the duration of the remaining period of their previous Orders of Detention.

The Court of Appeal has ordered the release of the four detainees on the technical ground that the affidavit (setting out the evidence that the President was satisfied of the need to detain them) should have been signed by the Minister or the Cabinet Secretary and not by the Permanent Secretary.

The decision of the Court of Appeal has not questioned the merits of the decision of the Government to detain the four persons under the Internal Security Act for their involvement in the Marxist conspiracy.

The Minister for Law has asked the Attorney-General to study the implications of those parts of the judgement where the Court of Appeal expressed views on the substantive law which have altered existing principles governing habeas corpus applications in ISA cases.

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