

STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR LABOUR, MR. JEK YEUN
THONG, ON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S DECREE TO BAN
STRIKES

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The Malaysian Constitution provides for autonomy in labour and education for Singapore.

The Singapore Government has no intention to resort to emergency powers to solve industrial disputes in Singapore as our labour legislation and industrial arbitration courts are adequate for preserving industrial peace and ensuring that labour disputes be dealt with equity and justice for both employers and workers. Since the introduction of the Industrial Relations Ordinance in 1960, both workers and employers have made full use of the arbitration machinery provided by the Industrial Relations Ordinance to resolve their disputes.

We have no reason to believe that this legislation will not continue to serve the interests of industrial peace even though we have had our fair share of strikes in the past few years.

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