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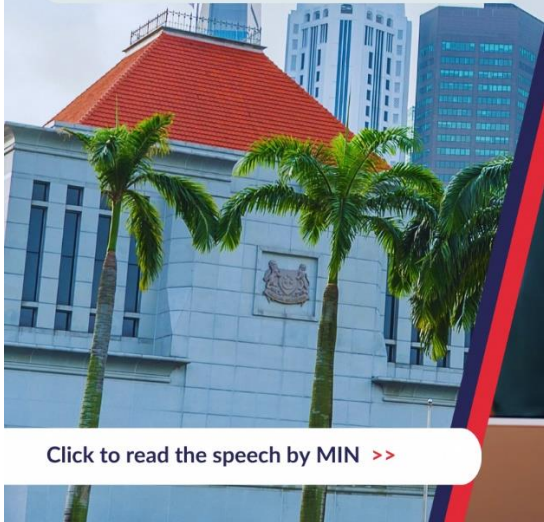
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Ministerial Statement

Race and Religion

Minister Shanmugam delivered a Ministerial Statement on race and religion on 14 October. These are the key points from the statement.

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POLITICISATION OF RACE AND RELIGION
Why it could tear Singapore apart

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While we enjoy **strong racial and religious harmony** in Singapore, **we are not immune to divisive identity politics.**

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Race and religion should **never be exploited for electoral purposes.**

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If we allow **identity politics** to take root, **political parties will likely appeal to the majority, and the minorities will suffer the most.**

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So far, we have **avoided identity politics** because **generations of Singaporeans have remained united in safeguarding Singapore's racial and religious harmony.**

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We must all commit to handling **issues of race and religion** in a **responsible and sensible manner,** and uphold the **integrity of Singapore's secular politics.**

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Honouring 20 Years of Community Partnership Against Extremism

The MHA Appreciation Lunch for Community Volunteers highlighted volunteers' contributions, alongside measures to counter rising violent extremism.

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- PM commended community volunteers for **20 years of partnership** in **supporting rehabilitation and reintegration efforts against extremism**, with many rehabilitated detainees having returned to society.

- **Violent extremism is a growing threat, particularly among youths**, with 18 youths dealt with under the ISA since 2015.

- The Government will **enhance international cooperation, threat detection and rehabilitation**, including tailored interventions for self-radicalised youths.

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New Initiatives Support Ex-Offenders and Families

2MIN unveiled Yellow Ribbon Cares (YR Cares) and Lim Tze Peng-Yellow Ribbon Fund STAR Bursary at the Yellow Ribbon CARE Network Gala dinner.

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- YR Cares is a new charity formed through the **merger** of **Yellow Ribbon Fund, NeuGen Fund and Industrial and Services Co-operative Society Limited (ISCOS)**. It will be **operational in the first half of 2026**.

- YR Cares focuses on **four areas**: reducing reoffending, fostering ex-offenders' contributions to society, supporting families and children to prevent intergenerational offending, and strengthening partnerships for holistic, collaborative care.

- The $140,000 Lim Tze Peng-Yellow Ribbon Fund STAR Bursary honours the late Mr Lim Tze Peng, whose donated artworks were auctioned to fund **support for ex-offenders pursuing studies in fine arts.**

One Journey, Countless Stories

As a HT volunteer, you can gain exclusive access to understanding the training and rehabilitative programmes for inmates and be exposed to the frontline operations of SPS alongside HT officers.

By Toh Rui Hao

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READY TO BEGIN?

Civil Defence Auxiliary Unit Firefighting and Rescue Officer

Work alongside regulars in firefighting and rescue.

You'll learn:
- Firefighting & rescue operations
- Emergency response & incident management
- First aid & trauma care

Volunteer Special Constabulary Police Officer

Work alongside regulars on duties like patrolling and mobile escort duties.

You'll learn:
- Basic legal knowledge
- Policing procedures
- Use of firearms

Volunteer Special Constabulary Community Officer

Patrol neighbourhoods to deter crime and engage the public at events and roadshows.

You'll learn:
- Basic legal knowledge
- Policing reporting procedures
- Police contact tactics

Civil Defence Auxiliary Unit Public Education Officer

Educate the public on emergency preparedness.

You'll learn:
- Emergency preparedness knowledge
- Facilitation & presentation skills
- Instructional design methods

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