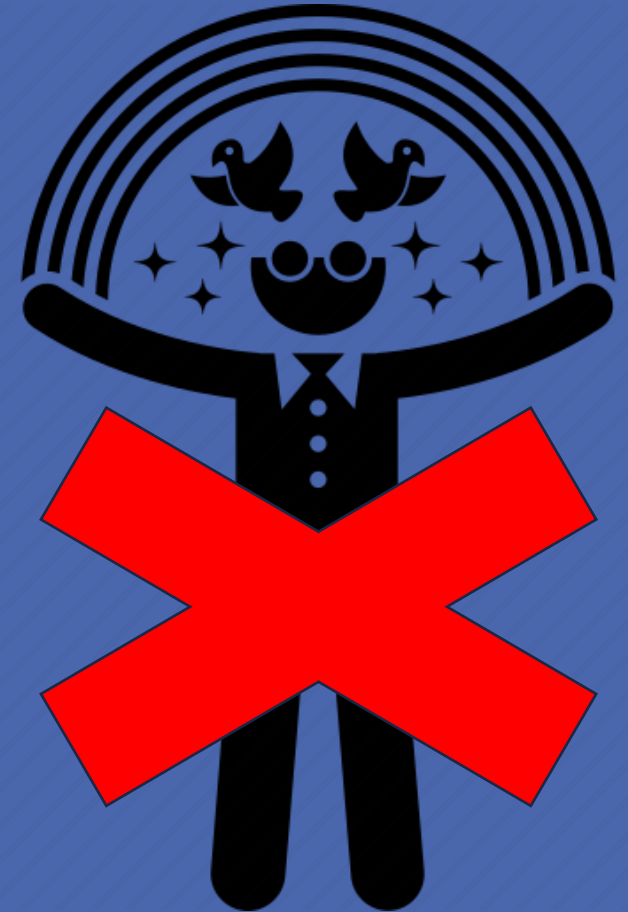


# **Panel 2: Mitigating Non-Violent Ethnic Hostilities in Asia-Pacific**

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**We are realists. We don't presume that social cohesion is the natural order.**

**We don't live in a utopia where there are no differences or disagreements between people of different races, religions and nationalities.**



Determined for history not to repeat itself.

Racial riots of 21 July 1964.

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**S'pore curfew after clashes**

Kuan Yew: Each one of us shares a responsibility in keeping the situation here sane and normal

**APPEAL FOR CALM**


*Razak: Divided we will fall to the enemy*

**Defence need: So \$100m cut in plan**

**THE** Acting Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, made an appeal for calm in a broadcast tonight on the clashes which occurred in Singapore today in which four people were killed and about 178 injured, leading to the imposition of a curfew from 9.30 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Singapore Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, is seen with his wife, Mrs. Lee, and their children, at the scene of the riots today.

**KUALA LUMPUR, Tues.** — The Central Government is to slash its second five-year plan by about \$100 million and use this money to fund defence commitments caused by Indonesian aggression, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Tan Siew Sin, announced today.



**Mantra of racial and religious harmony firmly imprinted into our DNA.**

**Clear Out-of-Bound markers and red lines we should not cross when it comes to race and religion.**



**We must always stay united and cohesive; and never allow society to be divided along the lines of race, religion or nationality. This is non-negotiable.**



**Government legislation and policies can help to promote a culture of racial tolerance; but legislation and policies alone are insufficient to change mindsets and behaviour.**



**Community and ground-up organisations play a critical role to help shape positive mindsets and behaviours at the last mile.**





**1) Building advocates, ambassadors and changemakers; turning racial incidents into “teachable moments”.**





**2) Creating safe spaces to discover blind spots and unconscious biases; building understanding through respectful conversations.**



# **Channel News Asia-IPS Survey on Race Relations in Singapore**

**More than half of respondents felt that racism was an important problem.**

**Most respondents were unsure what to do if a colleague told them they felt like they had been racially discriminated at the workplace.**

**More than half (58%) were likely to justify the experience as the result of other factors besides race.**

**3) Rather than “me vs you”  
adversarial approach;  
choose the path of  
compassion, understanding  
and building consensus.**

**The fine line between social  
justice and vengeance.**

**Story of the Young Sikhs  
Association and the  
influencer.**

