

As Minister responsible for law and order, it is thus incumbent upon me to warn the Opposition that the full force of the law will be brought to bear upon any person, irrespective of his status or connections, who disrupts, obstructs or disturbs the registration of electors. The Government will not and cannot allow the general registration of electors to be disrupted and delayed through the irresponsible and underhand tactics of Opposition members.

In regard to the attacks on officials, I must warn the Opposition to discontinue these cowardly methods of attacking officials by ascribing all kinds of dishonesties and malpractices to them. Should the Opposition continue with these attacks on officials, the Government will seriously consider bringing actions of defamation on behalf of the officials against the Opposition and its Press.

In conclusion, I appeal to the people to recognise these tactics of the Opposition for what they are: namely, to cause confusion and suspicion in the minds of our people. These tactics should be rejected and treated with the contempt they deserve.