

PRESS RELEASE

ISSUANCE OF CORRECTION DIRECTION UNDER THE PROTECTION FROM ONLINE FALSEHOODS AND MANIPULATION ACT (POFMA) TO EAST ASIA FORUM

The East Asia Forum article “Singapore’s new prime minister entangled in old politics” published on 14 January 2025 (the “Article”) contains false statements in relation to Singapore’s governance. The Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, Ms Indranee Rajah, has instructed the POFMA Office to issue a Correction Direction¹ to East Asia Forum in relation to the Article.

2 East Asia Forum will be required to carry correction notices against the Article and social media platforms where the Article has been reposted, which state that the article contains false statements of fact, and to provide a link to the Government’s clarification. This will allow readers to read both versions and draw their own conclusions.

3 For the facts of this case, please refer to the Factually article “Corrections Regarding False Statements on the Misuse of Government Resources, Conduct of the Prosecution, and Rules of Obligations for Ministers” (<https://www.factually.gov.sg/corrections-and-clarifications/220125>).

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¹ A Correction Direction is a Direction issued to a person who has communicated a falsehood (i.e. the recipient) that affects the public interest. It requires the recipient to publish a correction notice, providing access to the correct facts. The Direction does not require the recipient to take down their post or make edits to their content and does not impose criminal sanctions.