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Dear Sir/Madam,

SCREENING OF PERSONS/BELONGINGS TO MITIGATE THREATS

The terrorism threat to Singapore remains the highest in recent years and Singapore was specifically targeted in the past year. Even though there is no credible intelligence of an imminent attack at this point in time, Singapore continues to be a key target as we have taken part in international coalitions against terrorism and we represent many things that are anathema to ISIS.

2   From the recent suicide bombing incidents in Manchester Arena and Kampung Melayu Bus Terminal, it is important that security screening of persons/belongings be done up front to prevent threats from entering your premises. For effective checks to be done, you may wish to draw reference from the following pointers:

Processes

    a) Identify entry/exit points where staff and visitors can be funnelled towards the screening points.
    b) Set up multiple stations and use technology such as X-ray machines, walk through and/or handheld metal detectors, to speed up screening processes.
    c) Visible signage should be used to provide directions to the screening points as well as the rationale behind the need for screening.

Training

    d) Anyone involved in the screening must be trained. Send your officers for the relevant courses (e.g. Workforce Skills Qualifications Courses)
    e) Conduct regular exercises to ensure that the security officers deployed remain vigilant while conducting the screening.

3   When suspicious items are detected while conducting the screening, inform the Police immediately and evacuate the people away from the vicinity. Cordon the area and prevent anyone from going near to the threat. When coming across a suspicious subject, take note of the description of the subject, including the characteristics and attire of the person, and inform the relevant authorities.

4   Whilst the Police put in place measures to detect and prevent terrorist attacks, we cannot do so alone. Together, we can make our community a safe and secure one for all.

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