

**MEDIA STATEMENT
THURSDAY, 25 JULY 2013**

**COMMENCEMENT OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CHEW PENG EE FOR
CONTEMPT OF COURT**

1. The Attorney-General's Chambers ("AGC") has commenced legal proceedings in the High Court for an order of committal against Chew Peng Ee, also known as Leslie Chew, for committing contempt of court by scandalising the Judiciary of the Republic of Singapore.
2. An order of committal will, if made, set out High Court's finding that contempt of court has been committed, and will also set out the punishment imposed for such contempt, whether this be imprisonment or a fine, or both.
3. The present legal proceedings, which are aimed at protecting the administration of justice in the Republic of Singapore and upholding the integrity of one of our key public institutions, have been commenced in connection with Leslie Chew's publication of various comics as part of the comic series "Demon-cratic Singapore" on Facebook.
4. The first stage of these proceedings involved an application to a Judge in Chambers for leave (i.e. the Court's permission) to apply for the order of committal ("the leave application"), as required by the Rules of Court. The leave application was heard *ex parte*, that is to say, in the absence of the other party, before a Judge in Chambers on Tuesday 23 July 2013.
5. The leave application was made in connection with five comics; after having heard submissions from AGC, the High Court granted leave to apply for the order of committal in connection with four of the comics, which Leslie Chew published on 20 July 2011, 3 January 2012, 5 January 2012 and 16 June 2012.
6. The next stage of the proceedings involves the filing of an application to apply for the order of committal ("the committal application"). The committal application was filed by AGC on 23 July 2013 and will be served on Leslie Chew together with the other documents prescribed by the Rules of Court later this afternoon.
7. The committal application has currently been fixed for hearing before the High Court on 12 August 2013.

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