

Introduce Anti-Terrorism Act fast

THE world is in shock over the massacre of more than 140 innocent schoolchildren by Taliban gunmen in Peshawar, Pakistan.

This tragic incident occurred one day after the hostage crisis in Sydney, Australia.

These recent incidents have shown us how terrorists are now targeting ordinary people, including children.

Our country is not immune from such attacks. Our police have made numerous arrests involving people suspected to be members of mili-

tant terrorist groups.

In this modern world, the militant terrorists have also fully utilised the Internet via Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to seduce people to join them on their so-called struggle for justice and religion.

They also target our young people who are still in schools and universities.

Before things become serious and beyond our control, the Government through the Home Affairs Ministry must expedite their proposal to legislate the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Groups like the Islamic State (IS) can form pacts with other radical militant and extremist groups in the region.

We need to move fast to enact the special law on terrorism, and also strengthen current laws like the Penal Code (Amendment 2012), Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (Sosma) and Prevention of Crime Act (Poca) 1959.

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