

X. STATEMENT BY BUSINESS LEADERS.

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"I would have thought that the State had sufficient powers in the vast array of existing draconian security legislation to cope. Detention without trial is an absolute anathema and completely opposed to the concept of the rule of law. If the law is broken, then the proper place for that to be decided is in the Courts and not by administrative decision. Apart from the humanitarian aspects of detention without trial (which are considerable in themselves), from a practical business point of view a legacy of bitterness is certain to be created if people like trade union leaders are detained and then released after a period of detention without trial. These are the people with whom South African management have to negotiate, and a surer formula for conflict would be hard to devise."