



Robocop Patrols For 'Undesirable Behavior', Reports Violators

Description

USA: Technocracy advances. With 360 degree camera surveillance, you cannot sneak up on Xavier and disable it. Facial recognition will ID you before you even get close. "John Smith, do not come any closer or you will be reported for assaulting a police officer." ? TN Editor

Slowly but surely, the world is transforming into a *1984-Robocop-Terminator-Minority Report-Judge Dredd* fusion dystopia.

And while we wait for Elon Musk's dancing humanoid robot (wonder how much the deposit on that particular pipe dream will be), Singapore is wasting no time, and according to Mothership the small Asian nation is deploying ground robots on trial to patrol and survey a public area with high foot traffic, in a joint project involving five of the country's public agencies: HTX (Home Team Science and Technology Agency), National Environment Agency, Land Transport Authority, Singapore Food Agency, and Housing & Development Board.

According to a media release, an HTX robot will be deployed for a three-week period from Sep. 5 to patrol Toa Payoh Central, a planning area and matured residential town located in the northern part of the Central Region of Singapore

The robot(s), called Xavier, will weave its way autonomously through the crowds to detect "**undesirable social behaviors**" including:

- Congregation of more than five people (in line with prevailing Safe Management Measures)
- Smoking in prohibited areas
- Illegal hawking
- Improperly parked bicycles within HDB Hub
- Motorized active mobility devices and motorcycles on footpaths

intercom or using pre-recorded audio messages.

And like any good, obedient drone, the only thing missing is deadly force. We are confident that is coming next.

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