

SAF DAY 2021

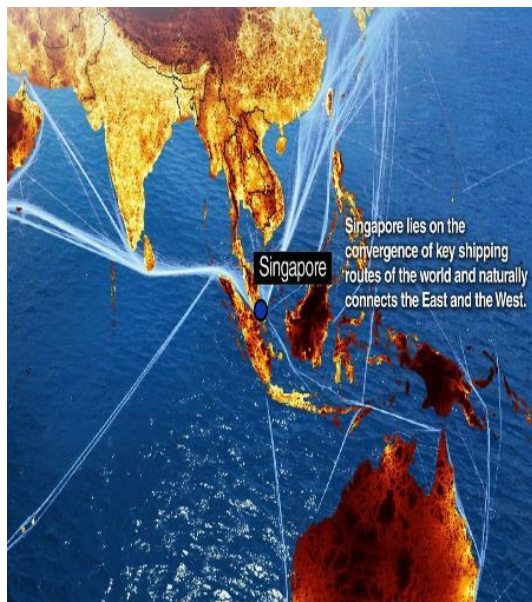
SINGAPORE AND
THE SAF: EMERGING
STRONGER TOGETHER



WITH THE ON-GOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND AN EVOLVING THREAT LANDSCAPE, WE NEED A STRONG SAF TO DEFEND OUR...



...SOVEREIGNTY



...ACCESS

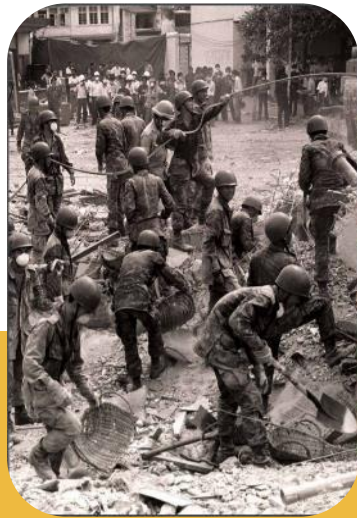


...FUTURE

THE SAF READILY ANSWERED THE CALL TO ACTION WHEN THE NATION NEEDED US...



Sentosa cable car incident, 1983



Hotel New World collapse, 1986



SARS crisis, 2003



Haze crisis, 2013



Incursions into Singapore Territorial Water, 2018

and others...



FORWARD ASSURANCE & SUPPORT TEAMS (FAST) AT MIGRANT WORKER DORMITORIES



SUPPORTING CONTACT TRACING & COORDINATING QUARANTINE OPERATIONS



PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO RECOVERING PATIENTS

IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE PANDEMIC, THE SAF STOOD UP TO HELP COMBAT THE CRISIS. THIS IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE COMMITMENT, COMPETENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM OF OUR PEOPLE.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, over 6,000 of our servicemen and women were deployed for our nation's efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

No matter what form crises take, what remains steadfast is the tenacity of our servicemen and women in protecting Singapore and our way of life.

DESPITE THE DISRUPTIONS TO OUR DAILY LIVES, THE SAF MAINTAINS A HIGH DEGREE OF OPERATIONAL READINESS TO DEFEND SINGAPORE'S PEACE AND SECURITY.

We continue to train and equip our operational units while performing critical functions, with strict measures put in place to keep our servicemen and women safe.

As Singapore and the world face an endemic COVID-19 situation, the SAF has already started shifting to operate in this "new normal" environment.

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THE SAF IS TRANSFORMING ITSELF TO BETTER DEAL WITH CONVENTIONAL AND NON-CONVENTIONAL THREATS...

BY ENHANCING
CONVENTIONAL
CAPABILITIES.
FOR EXAMPLE...

The new HQSS will develop and strengthen the Army's sense and strike elements to operationalise new capabilities and fighting concepts, to see better and shoot faster.



MARITIME SECURITY
& RESPONSE FLOTILLA
(MSRF)



The RSN's new MSRF will strengthen its capabilities in dealing with maritime threats that have grown in scale and complexity over the years.

The RSAF completed the Island Air Defence system to better protect Singapore's skies, marked the FOC of the A330 Multi-Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft and started to take delivery of the new H225M and CH-47F helicopters.



A330 MRTT
ACHIEVED FULL
OPERATIONAL
CAPABILITY

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BY PREPARING FOR EMERGING/ NON-CONVENTIONAL THREATS. FOR EXAMPLE...

To strengthen efforts to counter terrorism, the multilateral CTIF will bring together like-minded countries to share intelligence, and provide early warning, monitoring and analysis capabilities in a centralised and coordinated manner.



COUNTER-TERRORISM INFORMATION FACILITY (CTIF)



CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE (CSTF)

The newly restructured CSTF will strengthen our ability to monitor and actively seek potential threats and aggressors in the cyber domain.

The SAF is also leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics and robotics across all three Services.

HARNESSING NEW TECHNOLOGIES



NS CONTINUES TO BE THE BACKBONE OF SINGAPORE'S DEFENCE.

It is also a critical part of the SAF transformation.

Together, all national servicemen shoulder the responsibility of our defence.

NS remains critical for Singapore's continued survival and success. Together, we seek to improve NS and strengthen the SAF.



Enhancing NS, Strengthening the SAF

An update on the initiatives developed by the National Service (NS) Review Committee, set up in 2020, to look into ways to strengthen the NS system.

Pre-enlistees

- About 5,000 eligible pre-enlistees received a one-year complimentary SAFRA EnergyOne gym membership to improve their general fitness.
- PREFANS will be expanded to further include admission to 24 ActiveSG gyms.

NSFs

- **Review of All Enlistment**
 - Redesign jobs so that servicemen of different physical abilities can contribute in a wider range of operational roles.
- **Work-Study Diploma (WSD) Programme**
 - NSFs on WSD will serve NS while undergoing training and certification to attain a HND/EP-sponsored diploma and serve as Brigades after completing a minimum period as NSFs.
 - WSD programmes and Cyber NSF scheme (launched in 2018) support NSFs' professional development and contributions to the SAF in their service NS.
 - HND/EP/CAF exploring more of such work-learn schemes in future.

NSmen

- **Optimise Deployment of NSmen**
 - Expand opportunities to deploy NSmen in roles that better leverage their civilian expertise.
 - SAF to set up a dedicated deployment centre to oversee the expansion of expertise deployment to support the SAF's operational requirements.
- **Enhanced Health Screening Programme (HSP)**
 - HSP streamlined to be completed in a single session instead of two for most NSmen.
 - A new HSP centre in a central location (Kiam Road NM) to provide greater convenience for NSmen (at no cost).
- **NS Fitness Activities**
 - Additional ways to provide more convenience and flexibility for NS fitness activities.



"Ultimately resilience against any opposing force comes down to the tenacity of its people. The way SAF servicemen and women have responded to this pandemic gives me full confidence that indeed we have and will emerge stronger together against all threats."

- Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen, SAF Day 2021 message

IN CONCLUSION...

With the strong sense of professionalism and commitment of our servicemen and women, the SAF will continue to keep Singapore strong and safeguard our nation's independence and our way of life, for future generations to come.