

SAF DAY 2026

BEHIND THE ORDINARY IS THE EXTRAORDINARY



National Education Engagement Package

(1) EVOLVING THREATS

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Source: The Straits Times
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“... in the time where we come under threat,
no one is going to come to our rescue.

***We have to depend
on ourselves to
defend Singapore.***

**And that’s why we have
built up the SAF and invested consistently in the
SAF from the very beginning.”**

- Prime Minister Lawrence Wong speaking during a visit to
6th Singapore Division/Headquarters Sense & Strike, 9 Apr 2026

GROWING THREATS FACING THE NATION

Erosion of the international rules-based order



Greater insecurity in the global environment puts more pressure on small countries like Singapore

Rising geopolitical & security tensions



In 2025, the world recorded at least 59 active state-based conflicts — the highest number since WWII

Maritime security & supply chain vulnerabilities



Freedom of navigation and supply chains can be threatened and disrupted in war

Changing nature of conventional conflict



Technological disruption has transformed the speed, scale, and cost of conventional conflict

Rise of hybrid warfare/ cyber threats



Increased use of cyber threats, disinformation, foreign influence, and grey-zone tactics



REFLECTION

Share your thoughts on one of the challenges that Singapore faces. What is one noticeable impact on your way of life, and to the SAF's training and operations?

In the face of these wide-ranging challenges, how can we continue to defend Singapore and protect our way of life? One thing remains clear – **the world does not owe us a living or our survival. We can rely only on ourselves and not on the security guarantees of anyone else.**


... let me highlight our four-pronged approach to tackle the challenges we face:

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- Defence Minister Chan Chun Sing at Committee of Supply Debate 2026



STRENGTHENING OUR **CAPABILITIES**



1 Next-generation capabilities

2 Enhanced personnel training

3 Cross-domain capabilities

STRENGTHENING OUR **CAPABILITIES**

1. Next-generation capabilities

Acquisition of next-generation TITAN Infantry Fighting Vehicle

Armed with a 30mm cannon as a Remote Weapon System for enhanced firepower. It will also be equipped with capabilities to counter drones.



Launch of Multi-Role Combat Vessel (MRCV)

To serve as both a modern warship and a mothership for unmanned systems.



Acquisition of three Gulfstream G550 Maritime Surveillance Aircraft

To strengthen Singapore's maritime surveillance and protection of our sea lines of communication.



Set-up of SAF Counter-UAS Development and Operations group

Responsible for guarding against unmanned aerial systems, in collaboration with other government agencies.



STRENGTHENING OUR CAPABILITIES

2. Enhanced training

Building of Multi-Mission Range Complex 2 at Bedok Camp



Image source: The Straits Times

For more realistic and precise training across different domains. It will also allow our soldiers to hone their counter-drone techniques.

Repositioning of the Cyber Defence Test and Experimentation Centre (CyTEC)



Image source: DIS

Beyond training cyber defenders, CyTEC will be equipped with cutting-edge technologies to facilitate innovation and strengthen our cybersecurity.

3. Cross-domain capabilities



New battlefields require new strategies. Increasingly, unmanned systems, drones, and AI-enabled systems are reshaping modern warfare

OFFICIAL (OPEN)



Disposal of World War II unexploded ordnance

Bomb threat at Paya Lebar Air Base



Repatriation of Singaporeans from the Middle East



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A strong and capable SAF remains operationally ready, 24/7, to defend Singapore and respond to crises and threats at all times.



REFLECTION

The SAF's strength lies not just in its hardware, but in the **people** behind it.

What skills or knowledge are you building now that will make you a more effective fighter in the future?

REINFORCING OUR CONNECTIONS



1 Defence cooperation and military partnerships

2 Defence diplomacy

3 Technology partnerships

REINFORCING OUR CONNECTIONS

1. Defence cooperation and military partnerships



Exercise Cope Tiger

- Trilateral exercise with Thailand and the United States

Exercise Komodo

- Multilateral exercise hosted by Indonesia



Exercise Panzer Strike

- 17th edition with Germany

Exercise Locked Shields 2026

- Annual multinational live-fire cyber defence exercise conducted by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence



REINFORCING OUR CONNECTIONS

2. Defence diplomacy

ASEAN



ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)



In 2027, Singapore will serve as ASEAN chair and host key ASEAN meetings, providing opportunities to strengthen cooperation and address shared regional challenges.

Singapore also plays an active role in ADMM, ASEAN's highest defence consultation and cooperation platform.

Shangri-La Dialogue 2026



This annual summit provides a valuable platform for the exchange of perspectives on defence and security issues and initiatives. It also facilitates opportunities for like-minded countries to come together and cooperate to address new challenges.

3. Technology partnerships

Diversifying defence technology partnerships to strengthen resilience against supply chain disruptions.

New defence industry collaborations in 2026 include:

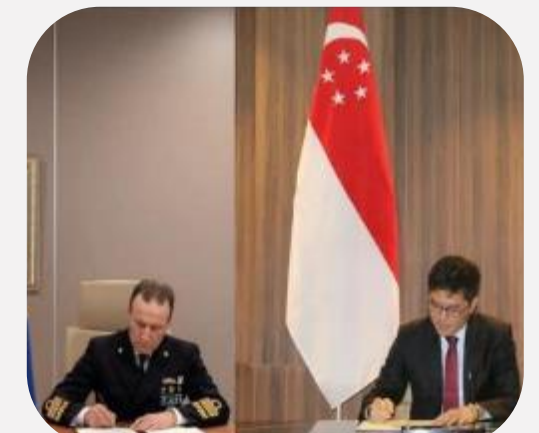
Singapore-Japan Defence Industry Day



Estonia-Singapore Defence Industry Day



Singapore-Italy Defence Industry Day





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Defence relations are not built overnight, and require years of consistent, principled engagement.

What qualities do you think an SAF personnel should embody when representing Singapore alongside foreign militaries?

How well do you think you measure up to that standard?



COMMITMENT TO DEFENCE

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Around the world, countries are introducing or expanding military service due to rising security concerns.

They recognise the importance of having a ready and sizeable defence force.

German parliament backs controversial military service law amid Russian threat

18-year-olds will have the choice to join a military service programme, in Germany's attempt to bolster its national defence.

France launches recruitment campaign for new voluntary military service

Jordan parliament passes law reinstating conscription

Jordan's parliament has voted in favour of a law reinstating conscription for men from early next year, decades after compulsory military service ended.

For Singapore, National Service remains the bedrock of our defence.

COMMITMENT TO DEFENCE

While the SAF continues to enhance our system and equipment, it is even more important to strengthen our **people's commitment to defend the country.**

Work-Learn Schemes and Early Enlistment Schemes



Medical Classification System Refresh



Job redesign across more than 2,000 roles



Expanding SAF-School Partnership Programme



Expanding network and improving touchpoints for NS alumni





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How else can we strengthen our NS system and how can you play a part?

Show your appreciation to NSmen using the online resources below

A graphic for the 'We Support NS' campaign. On the left is a postcard template with the following text: 'Dear _____', 'Thank you for keeping Singapore safe!', 'From _____', and '#WeSupportNS'. To the right of the postcard is a QR code with the GO.gov.sg logo in the center. Below the QR code is the URL 'https://go.gov.sg/wesupportns2026'. The background of the graphic shows a stylized illustration of a person saluting and a group of people.



STRENGTHENING CONTRIBUTIONS

1

**Total Defence
and community
resilience**

2

**Volunteer
contributions**

STRENGTHENING CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Total Defence and community resilience

Singapore's security depends on the preparedness, resilience, and commitment of the whole nation.

Exercise SG Ready

- Held from 1 to 15 Feb 2026, organisations, schools and units from educational, community, business, and government sectors carried out different **disruption or preparedness activities**.
- **3,000 Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen)** from the 9th Singapore Division were activated for a mobilisation exercise.
- A peacetime civil resource mobilisation requisition exercise was conducted on 17 Jan 2026 to exercise **Singapore's readiness**.



STRENGTHENING CONTRIBUTIONS

2. Volunteer contributions

Singapore Defence Volunteer Network (SG Defence)

- A total of 10 civilian volunteer schemes in the network, creating capacity for almost 400 new volunteers.
- In today's increasingly complex security environment, Singapore faces evolving threats that require a whole-of-society response.

Discover more at <https://go.gov.sg/sgdefence>





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The SAF Volunteer Corps (SAFVC) and SG Defence Volunteer Network show the collective will and effort of Singaporeans stepping up to defend our way of life.

What does it mean to you that civilians are choosing to step forward, and how does that shape your own sense of commitment?

MINDEF/SAF will continue to be credible, capable, and operationally ready to defend Singapore.

At the same time, **national defence involves every Singaporean playing our part. Next year, we commemorate 60 years of NS**, an important milestone for Singapore as we recognise all generations of NSmen for their commitment and contributions.

The SAF is strong because of the commitment of all Singaporeans.

On this SAF Day, let us continue to pledge and rededicate ourselves to **defend Singapore and our way of life.**



SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Any feedback? Share it with us at this link:



Learn more about Singapore's defence and Total Defence efforts at:



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