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SM's National Day message to the HT

The HT gathered on 29 July to celebrate National Day and recognise recipients of Minister for Home Affairs National Day Awards. Congratulations to all award recipients!

In his speech, SM pointed out that youth radicalisation is an evolving threat and urged the HT to maintain vigilance, uphold strong legal framework, strengthen community bonds and SGSecure practices.



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Second reading

Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments)

The Bill was passed in Parliament today. Here are the key highlights.



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Key amendments to tighten enforcement and penalties for traffic offences

- 1 Introduce a new offence of purposeful endangerment
- 2 Increase penalties for dangerous driving and careless driving causing grievous hurt
- 3 Tighten the drink-driving and drug-driving regime
- 4 Revise the offence of holding mobile communication device while vehicle is in motion
- 5 Leverage technology to enhance TP's operational efficiency



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First reading

Scams (Countermeasures) and Other Matters

SMS Goh introduced the Bill in Parliament today. Here are the key highlights.



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Key amendments to strengthen levers to detect, disrupt and deter scams

- 1 Enable and safeguard scam-related information exchange between the Police and service providers
- 2 Strengthen application of the facility restriction framework to restrict the provision of services to identified persons.
- 3 Introduce new offences to deter the misuse of online accounts
- 4 Enhance the Online Criminal Harms Act
- 5 Enhance the effectiveness of Police operations

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First reading

Civil Defence Shelter and Fire Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments)

SMS Goh introduced the Bill in Parliament today. Here are the key highlights.



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Aims:

- Strengthen SCDF's **regulatory control** over the supply chain for civil-defence shelter products.



- Ensure SCDF's regulatory requirements of petroleum and flammable materials (P&FM) activities remain **robust while encouraging pro-enterprise efforts**.



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Key amendments

Civil Defence Shelter Act

- Empower SCDF to take enforcement action against **industry players** involved in the supply of non-compliant shelter products (e.g., household and storey shelter doors).



Fire Safety Act

- Introduction of **Class Licensing Regime for lower-risk P&FM activities**. For a start, SCDF will introduce class licenses for the storage of P&FM at construction sites, petrol stations, certain laboratories and buildings storing diesel solely for emergency generator use.
- Maximum validity period of licences or permits issued** under the Fire Safety Act will be increased from **three to five years**.

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Key amendments

Fire Safety Act



- Expands the roles of **Supplementary Enforcement Officers** by allowing them to **conduct compliance checks on transport-related P&FM activities**.
- Min is empowered to determine the tenure** of the **Fire Safety Engineers Inquiry Panel** and the **Registered Inspectors Inquiry Panel** (previously fixed at 2 years).
- Repeal of the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) (Amendment) Act 2019** as the intent to regulate the transport of scheduled chemicals within Singapore have been met by amendments to other legislation.

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The Bill:

- Tightens SCDF's regulatory framework by **simplifying licensing requirements, strengthening enforcement powers and enhancing oversight**.



- Preserves Singapore's strong civil defence and fire safety standards while creating a more **pro-enterprise, business-friendly** environment.

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Leveraging technology to keep Singapore drug-free

At CNB's Workplan Seminar 2026, 2M Sim spoke on the worsening global drug situation and CNB's response spanning enforcement, preventive education and rehabilitation. She underscored combating transnational syndicates through international engagement, and shared CNB's transformation plans to leverage AI and emerging technologies to develop future-ready capabilities.



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