

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HTVN WEBINAR: CONNECTING YOU WITH THE HOME TEAM

The Home Team Volunteer Network (HTVN) organised its second webinar via Zoom on 18 November evening. Titled *Yellow Ribbon Singapore: The Journey Beyond Second Chances*, speakers from YRSG shared the ins and outs of YRSG's rebranding and transformation journey.

Other highlights of the webinar included volunteer sharing by a Yellow Ribbon Project volunteer, gratitude wall where volunteers share their wishes and Q&A segment related to the topic. To break the ice, we also conducted Kahoot quizzes with prizes given away!

For Home Team volunteers who did not manage to join us, fret not as there will be more to come!

Video:

>> [On HTVN FB](#)



HIGHLIGHTS

TOGETHER AS ONE – ANTI-DRUG ADVOCACY (A3) NETWORK

TOGETHER AS ONE
CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU
ENGAGING HEARTS AND MINDS
THE DADAH ITU HARAM WAY

How our partners and volunteers have helped the anti-drug message take root in the Malay-Muslim community. BY VIVIAN MOH

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PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK 2020

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

PARTI LIYANI V PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (2020)



In his Ministerial Statement on the Review of the Case of Parti Liyani v Public Prosecutor (2020), Minister K Shanmugam stated that while the review had affirmed that Police had handled the case fairly and impartially, Police will continue to review its systems, processes and training to uphold the integrity and quality of investigations, and to support Police officers in their vital work.



IN PARLIAMENT ON 4 NOVEMBER:

Click to read: [Key excerpts](#), [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#) and [Part 3](#)

>> Video excerpts of the Ministerial Statement: go.gov.sg/ms-plpp-videos

>> MIN Shanmugam's [Response to the Parliamentary Motion on the Criminal Justice System](#)

16TH RELIGIOUS REHABILITATION GROUP SEMINAR

SAFEGUARDING OUR RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY

At the 16th Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG) Seminar on 24 November, MIN K Shanmugam affirmed RRG's vital role as a voice for religious tolerance and in standing firm against violence and terrorism. Noting the recent terror attacks in France and beyond, MIN Shanmugam discussed the current security landscape and reiterated Singapore's approach to safeguarding racial and religious harmony.

1. Singapore's Approach: The Right to Speak Freely Goes with the Duty to Act Responsibly

While the Governments of Singapore and France are both secular and guarantee freedom of religion, we take a different approach to safeguard racial and religious harmony.

“Because we take the position that **the right to speak freely goes with the duty to act responsibly, the two must go together.** And, as a secular Government, we are neutral in the treatment of all religions... We guarantee freedom of religion, the right of every person to practice his or her religious beliefs, and **we protect everyone, majority or**



2. In Response to Recent Attacks in France, the Home Team is on Heightened Alert

Security in Singapore has been ramped up to prevent copycat attacks. SPF has increased its ground presence while ISD has stepped up its monitoring efforts. As a result, several individuals have been caught for suspected radicalisation and involvement in terrorism.

3. It Takes a Whole-of-Society Effort to Keep Singapore Safe from Terrorism

As MIN Shanmugam noted, it takes the whole community to protect Singapore from extremism and terrorism. After the attacks in France, RRG issued a statement condemning such acts of violence while individual *asatizahs* also reminded the community to practise

minority, from any threats, hate speech or violence.”

mutual respect, love and compassion. Such actions help set the tone for the community.

>> [Read MIN Shanmugam’s speech at the 16th RRG Seminar](#)

>> [Read the Press Release on how the Home Team remains vigilant against the threat of terrorism](#)

HOME TEAM ROUND-UP

FACIAL, IRIS SCANS AS THE PRIMARY BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIER AT ALL CHECKPOINTS



Since July, our land, sea and air immigration checkpoints have been equipped with iris and facial scanners, providing a more secure and efficient means of traveller identity authentication. The **Multi-Modal Biometric System (MMBS)**, which enables the use of iris, facial and fingerprint biometrics for immigration clearance, was developed to centralise all biometric services and data to support ICA’s biometric needs.

As one of the critical enablers in ICA’s New Clearance Concept, MMBS allows a seamless and efficient immigration clearance experience via automated clearance facilities. To achieve the vision of residents clearing Singapore immigration without presenting their passports by 2022, HTX will look into furthering biometric development on two fronts.

HTX will improve existing mainstream biometrics use with on-the-move iris capture, contactless fingerprints scans and detection of which finger has been presented during scans for more accurate matching. HTX is also exploring the potential of using other biometric features to be used in ICA’s future operations.

KEY FEATURES OF MMBS

- **Less issues with fingerprint verification** (such as deterioration of fingerprints due to ageing, scarring and dryness).
- **More reliable identification** since iris patterns have a higher degree of variation and uniqueness (with iris scans providing almost 250 feature points for matching, compared to fingerprint scans with 100 feature points).
- **Less susceptible to misuse** with specialised equipment needed to conduct iris scans.
- **More hygienic, convenient and efficient**, with simultaneous touch-free capture of two biometrics.

ON THE GROUND

DUTY AND DEDICATION



Our Home Team Guardians remain dedicated to keeping Singapore safe and secure during the Deepavali holiday. On 14 November, MIN K Shanmugam, 2MIN Josephine Teo, MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and MOS Desmond Tan visited various Home Team units to meet with Home Team officers on duty and to convey their appreciation for their commitment and hard work.



OUR COMMUNITY

A BETTER WAY TO TRAIN, COME RAIN OR SHINE



An innovative new way to display vital information helps Home Team Trainers conduct training more effectively. BY VIVIAN MOH

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mha-minawards-hta](https://go.gov.sg/mha-minawards-hta)



SAFEGUARDING EVERY DAY

200 YEARS OF THE SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE



SPF presents **Safeguarding Every Day: 200 Years of the Singapore Police Force**, a commemorative publication that encapsulates its bicentennial heritage and developments – from its rudimentary founding in 1820, through the colonial era, to internal self-government and briefly being part of Malaysia, and to the modern professional police force ensuring the nation’s safety and security today. SPF’s devotion to Public Service and commitment to operational excellence would not have been possible without the contributions and sacrifices of past and present officers.

From saluting the past to safeguarding the future, SPF will continue to be a Force for the Nation and strive towards achieving its vision of making Singapore the safest place in the world.

>> [Read the e-version of the book.](#)

UPDATES ON COVID

An advertisement for the TraceTogether app. It features a central QR code with a red shield icon. Below the QR code, two stylized figures, a woman and a man, are shown using their smartphones. The background is light green with various icons representing health and safety. Text on the image includes: 'Use TraceTogether App on your phone for SafeEntry check-in', 'Scan this for latest version of app', 'If you need a Token, collect from your designated Community Centre/Club', and 'Check [Token.GoWhere.gov.sg](https://www.token.gov.sg)'.

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STAY CONNECTED AND ENGAGED:

SGUnited – Stay Engaged

Includes resources on how to thrive, stay connected with loved ones, help others and get help.

ON THE INTERNET: [www.SGUnited.gov.sg](https://www.sg.gov.sg/sg-united)


National CARE Hotline

24-hr hotline with psychologists, counsellors, social workers, psychiatrists and public officers manning lines: [6202-6868](tel:62026868)

RESOURCES:

- >> **TraceTogether app:** www.tracetgether.gov.sg
- >> **COVID-19 online symptom checker:** www.sgcovidcheck.gov.sg
- >> **MOH COVID-19 hotline:** 1-800-333-9999


COOL CONTENT



Seen


Cool content from the Home Team and beyond – watch, like and share!

With Scamshield, this will be a thing of the past.



Introducing... Scamshield MHA FB

Tired of receiving pesky messages and phone-calls from scammers? The new Scamshield app helps block scammers from reaching you over text or phone-call. Watch this video to find out more!
go.gov.sg/mha-scamshield



Got This Job One Meh?

ICA FB

Did you know that your online shopping haul may actually be contaminated by radioactive materials? See how CI Prasad, a Radiographic Image Analyst with ICA, prevents such materials from entering Singapore and our homes.
go.gov.sg/ica-ci-prasad

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