

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY!

International Volunteer Day is celebrated annually on 5th December to celebrate and show our appreciation to the volunteers worldwide.

HTVN would like to thank all the volunteers from the 11 volunteer schemes for your hard work and efforts in keeping Singapore safe and secure! 🙌

Check out [HTVN's FB page](#) in the following weeks to learn more about the volunteers from the different schemes!



>> [Check out the video!](#)

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HIGHLIGHTS

HONOURING VOLUNTEERS IN TRANSFORMING LIVES

To pay tribute to its volunteers who journeyed with inmates, ex-offenders and their families, SPS held the SPS Volunteer Awards 2022 on 18 November and the Yellow Ribbon Community Project (YRCP) Awards and Appreciation Luncheon on 19 November.



SPS presented 417 awards to volunteers and partnering organisations for rendering inmates support through a diverse range of programmes such as religious counselling and family-focused initiatives.

In his speech, Guest-of-Honour MOS Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim outlined the role of volunteers in the rehabilitation ecosystem.



"The support of the community is key in helping ex-offenders who want to start afresh, reintegrate into society and lead a life free from crime and drugs." - MOS

Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim

>> [Read MOS' speech](#)



A total of 115 awards were presented at the YRCP Awards and Appreciation Luncheon which was jointly organised by SPS and Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association. It recognises grassroots divisions and individuals who offer social support and assistance to families who are affected by the incarceration of their loved ones.





First Reading

POST-APPEAL APPLICATIONS IN CAPITAL CASES (PACC) BILL

On 7 November, MinLaw introduced the Bill to **clarify the process for prisoners filing challenges after appeals against their death sentences have been dismissed by the Court of Appeal**. It seeks to **prevent last minute applications that abuse the court process**.

The new procedure states that:

- only the Court of Appeal may hear a PACC application and grant a stay of execution;
- a prisoner on death row needs to apply for permission to make a PACC application; and
- the prisoner is required to state, among other things, the grounds of the application and reasons for not filing earlier.

>> [Read the joint MinLaw, MHA press release](#)

Written Reply

RAISING HOME TEAM OFFICERS' RETIREMENT AGE

MP Mr Murali Pillai asked whether the plan to raise officers' retirement age to 58 by 2030 will be brought forward.

Here's an excerpt of the **Written Reply by MIN Shanmugam**:

The Home Affairs Uniformed Services (HUS) officers' retirement age was raised from 55 to 56 on 1 July 2021. It will be raised progressively to 58 by 2030. This phased approach is to manage the impact on future hiring, the availability of posts, and organisational renewal. Because of the nature of the work and the deep training required, our uniformed services have a pure-build workforce model, and most officers remain in service until retirement. A steady inflow and outflow of manpower is needed each year to meet operational demands and to build a sustainable pipeline of leaders and specialists.

>> [Read the full Written Reply](#)

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE (AMENDMENT NO. 3) AND PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILLS

The two Bills were passed in Parliament on 29 November after two days of debate. **PM Lee Hsien Loong said that it was a milestone for Singapore** in a Facebook post, thanking those involved for the hard work.

"This is a deeply felt and sensitive issue, and could easily have become a very divisive one. But we have not allowed it to divide us. Instead we have handled it responsibly and thoughtfully, and held everyone together. This is a major achievement."

- PM Lee Hsien Loong

- >> [Read MIN Shanmugam's 2R speech](#)
- >> [Read MOS Sun's speech](#)
- >> [Read MOS Faishal's speech](#)
- >> [Read MIN Shanmugam's Wrap-up speech](#)

POST-APPEAL APPLICATIONS IN CAPITAL CASES (PACC) BILL

On 29 November, Parliament passed the Bill which was tabled by SPS (MinLaw) Rahayu Mahzam. **MP Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim asked if more could be done to raise awareness of Singapore's approach towards capital punishment on the international front, to which SPS responded that criticisms of Singapore's approach are often based on misconceptions and inaccurate facts, and Singapore will continue to engage and raise awareness of our approach.**

CROWD CONTROL FOR LARGE-SCALE PUBLIC EVENTS

On 28 November, MOS Sun addressed questions from seven MPs on crowd control measures, following October's Itaewon crowd surge tragedy. Here's an extract of MOS' oral reply:

"The Police are deployed on the ground at these major events to ensure law and order, as well as to provide swift responses to incidents. Contingency plans are also put in place. These may involve catering for emergency lanes to facilitate emergency responses within crowded areas, and closing off high risk areas pre-emptively before they become overcrowded."

>> [Read MOS Sun's oral reply](#)

DEEPAVALI FESTIVE VISITS

The work of our frontliners in safeguarding our safety and security never stops, so that we can enjoy public holidays with a peace of mind. On Deepavali, MIN K Shanmugam and 2MIN Josephine Teo visited ground officers at Jurong Fire Station and Woodlands Police Division to thank them for their dedication and hard work.



Min K Shanmugam at Jurong Fire Station



2Min Josephine Teo at Woodlands Police Division

TOTAL DEFENCE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The Total Defence Award (TDA) was held on 10 November to recognise supportive organisations and individuals for their commitment and contributions to national service.



This year, a total of 170 National Service (NS) Advocate Awards – the highest accolade that recognises support for Total Defence and NS – were presented. MOS Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim attended the ceremony and presented the awards for individuals.

In his speech, Guest-of-Honour Minister of Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen highlighted how Total Defence is even more relevant given the global security uncertainties and challenges today.



He said: **"What Ukraine has taught the World... is that the strength of a people's Total Defence is the most crucial factor between subjugation and independence."**

ACCOLADES FOR 918 HT OFFICERS



The annual MHA National Day Awards Investiture was held on 23 November to honour HT officers for their contributions and commitment in keeping Singapore safe and secure.

During the ceremony, 2MIN Josephine Teo thanked officers for their exceptional service and commitment, especially during a time when international pressures and challenges affect the work we do on a daily basis, with the death penalty being an example.



"We must continue to make our decisions based on what is right for us... We have kept Singapore safe and secure thus far because we stand firm on these principles, and because of our committed and competent Home Team... It is only with this commitment and agility, nimbleness, wisdom, and good judgment, that we can deliver on our mission, to keep our home safe for all Singaporeans, for years to come." – 2MIN Josephine Teo

Congratulations to all the award recipients!

[>> Read 2MIN's speech](#)

REIMAGINING FIRE SAFETY



The fourth edition of the Fire Safety Asia Conference (FiSAC) kicked off on 16 November, bringing together regional practitioners to exchange insights on innovative fire safety solutions and the latest trends in emergency response.



At the opening ceremony, MOS Faishal acknowledged SCDF's efforts in leveraging technology to enhance emergency response capabilities.

SCDF unveiled its largest emergency vehicle - the 90m High Level Articulated fire and rescue response vehicle - that allows aerial firefighting and rescue operations of up to 30 storeys, developed in collaboration with HTX.

>> [Read MOS Faishal's speech](#)

>> [Check out MOS' FB post](#)

OUTCOME BASED CONTRACTING TO UPLIFT PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY



The Security Tripartite Alliance for Responsible Outcome Based Contracting (STAR) was launched on 4 November to further support and accelerate the adoption of outcome-based contracting (OBC); a key strategy of the Security Industry Transformation Map.

Led by the Union of Security Employees and security industry associations, and with support from MHA and NTUC, STAR will offer a one-stop service providing resources to buyers and providers of security services, as well as security officers, to help them transit towards OBC.

MOS Sun Xueling witnessed the MOU signing by the Union and associations at the Centre of Domestic Employees.

>> [Check out MOS Sun's FB post](#)

RIDING AWAY FROM ADDICTION!



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CNB's Dadah Itu Haram campaign organised a youth cycling event on 27 November in collaboration with Al-Inman Mosque and Ride of Hope SG to educate youths on moral values and the prohibition of drugs in Islam



Guest-of-Honour MOS Faishal highlighted the positive effects sports can bring to an individual and

encouraged everyone to steer each other towards a healthy lifestyle.

COMMUNITY GROUPS TESTED IN CRISIS RESPONSE



As part of the SGSecure movement, a first of its kind joint crisis response exercise was organised by the Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth and People's Association at Nee Soon Central Community Club on 19 November. The scenario focused on the first few days immediately after a terrorist attack, during which the Constituency Crisis Operations Centre (CCOC) and Group Representation Constituency-level Harmony Circle Operations Centre (GHOC) assisted to disseminate timely and accurate information to the community post-attack, and coordinate efforts for communal cohesion.

The exercise sought to hone the cooperation and coordination between key grassroots leaders from the Chong Pang constituency and Harmony Circle volunteers from Nee Soon GRC who are required to work closely during a crisis. The CCOC is set up in each constituency during a crisis. Similarly, the GHOC will be set up to manage major racial and religious incidents in the GRC.



These structures and exercises are part of the SGSecure movement to enhance the readiness of the community to actively play a part in keeping ourselves and those around us safe from the terrorism threat.

#OurResponseMatters
#WeMakeSGSecure

HOME TEAM INSIGHTS

#ONDUTY



Go On Duty with GRF officers from Rochor NPC to see how they keep our streets safe:
>> go.gov.sg/onduty-rochor-161022

READY TO RESPOND



A simulation exercise was conducted to validate ICA officers' response to armed gunmen attacks.
>> go.gov.sg/ica-ex-genesis-161122

TOUR AN MRT CD SHELTER



A Missed the MRT CD Shelter Open House? View the virtual tour here:
>> go.gov.sg/scdf-mrt-cdshelter-tour

A short film presented by



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THE TRAILER

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NOW TO 21 DECEMBER 2022

From enforcement, investigations, supervision to preventive drug education work, everyone has a part to play in keeping Singapore safe from the scourge of drugs. Partake in the action, and spot some of our officers in the 4-part video series that will be rolled out over the next few weeks!

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