

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HOME TEAM VOLUNTEER NETWORK (HTVN) 10TH ANNIVERSARY: LOGO REVEAL

Fun Fact: HTVN is turning 10 this year!

We previously asked you to [vote](#) for your favourite 10th Anniversary Logo on our social media platforms... and guess what? We have finally revealed the most voted logo!

Check out the logo reveal [video](#) on HTVN's Facebook and Instagram (@HTVolunteers).

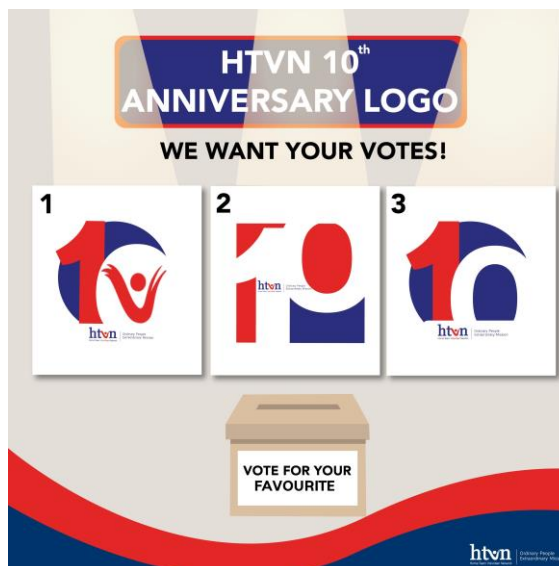
Thank you once again volunteers for your votes and we hope you like it as much as we do!

#HTVNCelebrates10thAnniversary
#OrdinaryPeopleExtraordinaryMission

Posts on Facebook:

>> [10th Anniversary Logo Voting Post](#)

>> [10th Anniversary Logo Reveal Video](#)



HIGHLIGHTS

CONFIDENCE IN OUR OFFICERS

Kudos to SPF for garnering the highest level of public confidence globally in the Police, according to an international survey conducted by the Institute of Policy Studies. The survey found that 87% of those polled said they were confident or very confident in SPF, up from 79.1% in 2012.

#SafeguardingEveryDay
#OneHomeTeam #ThankYouOfficers

>> **For more on the survey, check out [Attitudes Towards Institutions, Politics, and Policies: Key Findings from the World Value Survey](#)**



MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

REVIEW OF THE SENTENCING FRAMEWORK FOR SEXUAL AND HURT OFFENCES

On 5th March, Minister K Shanmugam delivered a [Ministerial Statement on the Review of the Sentencing Framework for Sexual and Hurt Offences](#). Affirming the Government's tough approach against those who commit sexual and hurt offences, he explained the key changes arising from the Review. Here are the key points of the Ministerial Statement.



Minister K Shanmugam on how an offender will not receive a lighter sentence simply because he has better educational qualifications, or has better prospects:

"You shouldn't be able to come to court and say you have a bright future, you will go far and so on. You can go far. But first – serve the sentence."

During sentencing, the Court considers the facts and circumstances, the relevant law, sentencing benchmarks, and sentencing principles.



Sentencing Process and Principles

- Four key principles are usually taken into consideration, with appropriate weight attributed to each key principle:
 - Prevention
 - Deterrence
 - Rehabilitation
 - Proportionate Punishment



The Government Takes a Tough Stance towards Sexual and Hurt Offences

- The Government has made significant changes to our laws over the years to enhance protection for victims of sexual and hurt offences.



When sexual and hurt offences are committed by adult offenders, the principles of proportionate punishment and deterrence generally take precedence over rehabilitation

- Sexual and hurt offences committed by adult offenders are deeply offensive to our fundamental values.
- The starting point is that there are no excuses for these offences.
- An offender will not receive a lighter sentence simply because he has higher educational qualifications or has "better prospects".
- That said, relevant offender-specific mitigating factors will continue to be considered.



Outcomes of the Review

The outcomes of the review of the current sentencing framework for sexual and hurt offences are as follows:

- Increase in penalties for three sexual offences, including outrage of modesty.
- The Attorney-General's Chambers will generally object to rehabilitative sentences for adult offenders who commit certain hurt and sexual offences.
- A Guide to Sentencing in Singapore that explains the sentencing process has been published online.

In addition, separate from the review, a Sentencing Advisory Panel will be set up to enable the proactive publication of guidelines to pre-empt or address areas of concern, to facilitate a more consultative process, and to provide greater clarity to the public about the likely sentence and the relevant factors to be considered in sentencing.

Ultimately, a mindset shift at the societal level is needed. Sexual and hurt offences must be viewed as gross violations of our fundamental values.



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INTERNAL SECURITY

KNIFE ATTACK FOILED

A 20-year-old former NSman has been detained under the Internal Security Act. He'd wanted to carry out a knife attack against Jews at the Maghain Aboth Synagogue on Waterloo Street, and had also made plans to travel to Palestine to join HAMAS' military wing in its fight against Israel. The detainee had been self-radicalised and posed an imminent threat to Singapore.



>> [Read ISD's press release](#)
>> [Watch a video of MIN K Shanmugam discussing this case](#)

"A cohesive and united society is our best defence against terrorism and radicalisation. Our social fabric is made up of different races and religions, and over time, we have fostered mutual understanding and respect for each other to build a harmonious society.

While we can sympathise with the sufferings of others, violence is never the answer or solution. Individuals, especially youths, must be educated that there are other ways like prayers and bona fide humanitarian assistance programmes through which one can provide a more meaningful contribution.

We must continue to stay vigilant and look out for each other. If there are signs that someone around may have become radicalised, we should intervene early and provide them with the help they need."

>> [MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, 10 March, on FB](#)
>> [Learn more about ISD's approach to rehabilitation](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

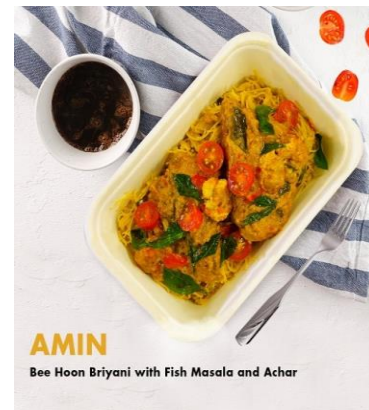
YELLOW RIBBON CULINARY COMPETITION

"I've been in prison since I was 19, but I still hope to be able to spend time with my family and take care of my father. If my mother was still here, I'd like to tell her that I'm doing all of this for her. I've never really cooked for my family; I hope she'll be proud of my achievements today.

To other inmates and ex-offenders – if you think you want to change, there's always someone who'll support you.

Just do it; don't look back."

- "Amin," winner of this year's Yellow Ribbon Culinary Competition. Amin is currently serving an eight-year sentence and will be released in 2023.



>> [Learn more about Amin's story on YRSG FB](#)

THE HELPING HAND

SPS works with eight halfway houses under the Halfway House Service Model to provide support for offenders who are serving the tail end of their sentence in the community to undergo the Community-Based Programmes. Halfway houses play an important role in the rehabilitation journey of offenders by providing accommodation and offer residents programmes that help them develop healthy lifestyles.

#CaptainsOfLives #BeyondSecondChances



>> [Learn how The Helping Hand seeks to transform the lives of offenders.](#)

>> [Jordan \(at right\) is a resident of The Helping Hand. He shares his story with us.](#)



SCDF'S FURRY FRIENDS



At SCDF, dogs play a vital role in search and rescue operations. With their keen sense of smell, these brave canines have proven why they are indeed man's best friend, especially when it comes to saving lives. Find out more about them.

>> go.gov.sg/scdf-rescue-dogs

DID YOU KNOW?

NS FITNESS IMPROVEMENT TRAINING (FIT) PROGRAMME

The new NS FIT programme, co-designed with HPB and SportSG, will streamline the criteria for NSmen to complete their annual fitness requirements. The Home Team will implement NS FIT for all Home Team NSmen from June 2021 onwards. Here are three things you should know about NS FIT!

1. **It offers greater convenience and flexibility.** NS FIT is designed to encourage NSmen to incorporate fitness into their lifestyles by offering a greater variety of fitness activities and allowing them to choose their preferred location to train. Home Team NSmen can look forward to using NS FIT training facilities at Home Team premises, HomeTeamNS Clubhouses and ActiveSG Gymnasiums, as well as to leverage on HPB-organised programmes.
2. **It encourages fitness as a lifestyle with family and friends.** NSmen will also be able to participate in community fitness activities (such as the FIT@HPB Quick HIIT programme) together with their family and friends, who may book the session via HPB's Healthy 365 app.
3. **It marks the next step in the evolution of the IPPT system.** The NS IPPT system has been progressively refined to support NSmen in meeting their fitness requirements. Instead of attending the IPPT Preparatory Training or Remedial Training programmes, NSmen may either pass IPPT or complete the 10-session NS FIT programme (which includes one IPPT attempt). This encourages NSmen to maintain an active lifestyle, meet their annual fitness requirements and remain operationally ready.

