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## **Commissioning of RSS Conqueror**

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The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan, officiated at the commissioning ceremony of the Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) submarine, RSS Conqueror, at Tuas Naval Base today. During the ceremony, Dr Tony Tan also unveiled the logos for the newly formed submarine squadron, 171 Squadron, and the other submarines.

The commissioning of RSS Conqueror marks the RSN's continual efforts to develop a modern and well-balanced naval force. RSS Conqueror will enhance the RSN's capability to safeguard Singapore's maritime interests. RSS Conqueror will be assigned to 171 Squadron, which comes under the command of HQ Fleet in Tuas Naval Base.

RSS Conqueror was launched in May 99 at the Kockums shipyard in Karlskrona, Sweden. She is the first of the four RSN submarines to arrive in Singapore. Prior to her return in May this year, RSS Conqueror went through a refurbishment and tropicalisation programme in Sweden. In Singapore, she has gone through a series of stringent sea trials to verify the performance of the submarine systems in local conditions. The crew of RSS Conqueror has also undergone extensive training in Sweden.

## **Speech and Factsheets:**

- Speech by Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, at the Commissioning Ceremony for RSS Conqueror at Tuas Naval Base (Document No: MINDEF 20000722141)
- Factsheet RSN Submarine Logo (Document No: MINDEF\_20000722142)
- Factsheet Submarine Tropicalisation Programme (Document No: MINDEF\_20000722143)
- Factsheet Ex-Sjoormen Class Submarines (Document No: MINDEF 20000722144)

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