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Murai Urban Training Facility to Hone the SAF's Networked Urban Operations Capability

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Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean interacts with the seven-man section at the Networked Urban Operations exercise held at the new Murai Urban Training Facility.

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Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean launched the Murai Urban Training Facility (MUTF) and witnessed about 500 soldiers securing an objective in an urban operations exercise this afternoon. The exercise involved seven-man tactical sections which were equipped with the Advanced Combat Man System (ACMS).

The introduction of the ACMS is part of the 3rd Generation SAF's move to progressively provide tactical units with network capabilities. With the section commanders and team leaders equipped with the ACMS, the entire section becomes part of a larger network that is able to tap on the wider resources of the battalion and call for more responsive and precise fire support. These sections function not only as fighting units but also as ground sensors, tracking the positions of friendly and hostile forces and feeding images back to the command headquarters for enhanced command and control of the battlefield. With the ACMS, the section's situational awareness, lethality and survivability are enhanced.

Located within the existing Lim Chu Kang training area, the MUTF allows the SAF to conduct urban operations training in a realistic environment. It is built to resemble a typical town and offers a range of training scenarios from tactical engagements to combined arms manoeuvres. Other than buildings, the MUTF also has ancillary features like bus stops, traffic lights and overhead bridges. The facility will be equipped with tools that help simulate varying operational environments as well as a video monitoring and recording system to facilitate effective learning.



Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean surveys the new Murai Urban Training Facility during the networked urban operations exercise.



Minister speaking to the soldiers involved in the urban operations exercise at the newly opened Murai Urban Training Facility.



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Fact sheets:

- Fact Sheet: Murai Urban Training Facility(MINDEF_20080905002.pdf)
- Fact Sheet: Networked Urban Operations(MINDEF_20080905002_1.pdf)
- Fact Sheet: Features of the Advanced Combat Man System (MINDEF_20080905002_2.pdf)