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SPEECH BY MR. LIM KIM SAN, MINISTER FOR DEFENCE,  
AT THE ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AT JALAN BESAR  
STADIUM ON 1ST JULY, 1969, AT 6.00 P.M.

Today, July the 1st, 1969, is a significant day in the history of our Armed Forces. Since we started two years ago to build up an effective defence force, no time was wasted in false hopes and idle dreams about our security. Whether we like it or not we have had to build up our own Armed Forces. All our energies are therefore directed into this and we have little time and resources for pomp and splendour. The emphasis is on tough and rugged training and high standards of performance and today the SAF has the reputation of being a dedicated, disciplined, and efficient force with a strong corps of officers and men who are committed to the nation's cause and equipped with the skills, the stamina and the wherewithal which makes a good defence force. And so in our own way we have built special characteristics in the Singapore Armed Forces which will become part of our doctrine and tradition.

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Upon the concept of the citizens' Armed Forces and the policy of maximum self-reliance, we consciously anchor our hopes and effort today. It is upon the shoulders of all of you that we place the hopes of our nation. We are confronted with problems of ~~such~~<sup>much</sup> urgency and magnitude ~~than~~<sup>and</sup> those who falter and those who are unsure or lack inner conviction, will have no place in what we attempt to do.

Our Nation expects all of us to make our personal contribution towards the security and well-being of our fellow citizens. The presentation of the SAF Flag for the first time today to the 3rd Battalion of the Singapore Infantry Regiment is symbolic of the trust the Nation has placed upon the Armed Forces, and it is with feelings of pride and honour that I find myself here this evening reviewing the March Past of the various contingents who will serve under this common Flag of the Singapore Armed Forces. This Flag will from this day on be a focal point of our loyalty to the Republic's Armed Forces. It is your duty to honour your Flag and in doing so to renew and augment your devotion to both the Flag and the Armed Forces. Let no serviceman ever forget what the SAF Flag stands for and as we parade before the Flag, we give our pledge to the Nation that we will be ever ready to defend it. On this day, as we reaffirm our commitment to the Singapore Armed Forces with a renewed unity of spirit, I am confident that all of you who are gathered here this evening will carry this spirit forward to the future.