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120 SQN TRANSFORMS INTO APACHE ATTACK SQUADRON

The Republic of Singapore Air Force's (RSAF) Apache Longbow Attack Helicopter (AH-64D) Squadron was inaugurated at a ceremony in Sembawang Air Base (SBAB) this afternoon by Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean. This completes the transformation of 120 Sqn from a utility to an attack squadron. The Apache will enhance the Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF) capability to undertake a wider spectrum of missions, notably in air-land integrated operations.

2. The Apache is a key feature of the SAF's transformation to its 3rd Generation. With its advanced avionics and weapons systems, the Apache is one of the most technologically advanced attack helicopters in the world. Its Longbow Fire Control Radar provides an enhanced radar target detection range and tracking ability, and can detect more than 200 targets. With its Hellfire missiles, the Apache can conduct precision strikes under all weather conditions.

3. The Apaches returned to Singapore in January after a 4-year deployment in Arizona in the United States with the RSAF's Peace Vanguard detachment. The Apache made its debut appearance in Singapore at Asian Aerospace 2006 in February. Singaporeans can expect to see the SAF's latest attack helicopters in action at this year's National Day Parade fly-past

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LTC Sew Chun Liang, Commanding Officer of 120 Sqn, gives Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean details of the onboard avionics and weapons systems



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Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean joins Chief of Air Force, BG Ng Chee Khern, and Chief of Army MG Desmond Kuek in a photo moment with officers and specialists of 120 Sqn



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The AH-64D Longbow Attack Helicopters in formation



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