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## **SAF Tops Sixth ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet**

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After four days of keen competition, the 20-member team from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) came out tops in the ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet (AARM) overall team championship held at the Nee Soon 500-metre and Mandai Ranges in Singapore. The Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF) was second and ABRI third. The SAF team scored 53 out of a possible 54 points in nine competitive matches. The full results are attached.

By winning the overall team championship, the SAF shooters have retained the title they won at last year's meet in the Philippines. The SAF has won the overall team championship three times since the inaugural meet hosted by Malaysia in 1991.

In the Individual Rifle category, SAF's Corporal Sin Wai Chee emerged champion. Another SAF serviceman, Second Sergeant Azman bin Tubi was first runner-up, and Staff Sergeant (SSG) Zulkefli bin Ahmad of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF), second runner-up. SAF also won the team event in the same category. The Royal Brunei Armed Forces was first runner-up and RTARF, second runner-up.

The Individual Pistol event was won by First Sergeant Gary Koh Cheng Koon from the SAF. Second Warrant Officer Peter Estrop also from the SAF, was first runner-up followed by RTARF's Master Sergeant Piromnoi Songpol. The SAF also swept the team title for this event. RTARF and ABRI were first and second runners-up respectively.

Third Sergeant Noor Adil bin Abdul Rahman from the SAF was the individual champion in the Carbine category. Another SAF serviceman, SSG Toh Kwee Nam was first runner-up, and Second Lieutenant Sartan of ABRI, second runner-up. The SAF took the team title for the event. First runner-up was ABRI followed by the MAF.

This year's AARM brought together 120 participants from the armies of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The competition proper began on 12 Oct and ended yesterday. The Meet is aimed at allowing the ASEAN armies to pit their shooting skills in an atmosphere of friendly competition and at fostering the ASEAN spirit of friendship and goodwill. It also gave the officers and men of the ASEAN armies an

opportunity to interact professionally and socially strengthening the bond and camaraderie that have developed over the years.

The SAF's Chief of Army, Major-General (MAJ-GEN) Han Eng Juan officiated at the closing ceremony of the Meet today, 16 Oct , at the Nee Soon 500-metre Range. Among the guests were the Commander, Royal Brunei Land Force, Pehin Datu Padukaraja Brigadier-General Dato Seri Dahlawan Haji Shari Bin Ahmad; Commander, KOSTRAD, ABRI, Lieutenant-General (LTG) Wiranto; Chief of Army, Malaysian Armed Forces, General (GEN) Dato' Seri Che Md Noor Bin Mat Arshad; Commanding General, Philippine Army, LTG Clemente P. Mariano; and Commander-in-Chief, Royal Thai Army, GEN Chetta Thanarajo. Senior officers from the participating countries were also present.

The AARM started in 1991 hosted by Malaysia. Indonesia hosted the second Meet in 1992 followed by Brunei in 1993. The Meet went to Thailand in 1994 and was held in the Philippines last year. Malaysia will host the Meet in 1997.

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