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RSAF in Air Manoeuvre Exercise with RAAF

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This morning, 29 Aug 98, the Chief of Defence Force of the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), Lieutenant-General Bey Soo Kiang, and the Defence Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Indonesian Armed Forces (ABRI), General Wiranto, jointly officiated at the opening ceremony of the TNI-AU – RSAF joint detachment facilities at Pekan Baru Air Base, Indonesia.

The Pekan Baru joint detachment facilities were built by the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Indonesian Air Force (TNI-AU). Detailed planning for the facilities started in 1995. The facilities, costing about S\$2.5 million, include an aircraft parking apron, two flight line offices, a detachment building, six aircraft shelters and four helicopter parking lots.

The new detachment facilities were jointly developed under the purview of the ABRI-SAF Joint Training Committee (JTC) and according to the terms of the 1988 ABRI-SAF Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Earlier joint projects include the Siabu Air Weapons Range (AWR) which was opened in 1989, and the Air Combat Manoeuvring Range (ACMR) at Pekan Baru which was opened in 1992. The RSAF and TNI-AU use these ranges regularly. The joint development and use of the facilities is testimony to the mutually beneficial partnership between ABRI and the SAF. The SAF is pleased to work closely with ABRI in bringing the latest project to fruition.

Speech:

- Speech for CDF at the Opening Ceremony of the New TNI-AU/RSAF Joint Detachment Facilities in Pekan Baru (Document No: MINDEF_19980829002.pdf)