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Factsheet - 42 SAR - Army First Bionix Armed Battle Group

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Formed on 1 October 1971 at Selarang Barracks, 42 SAR was originally known as 42nd Singapore Armoured Battalion (42 SAB). Its name was changed on 18 April 1973. 42 SAR received her Regimental Colours from then President Benjamin Sheares on 6 Nov 1977. The unit also won the Best Combat Unit title twice, in 1979 and 1982. On 18 March 1991, the unit moved from Selarang Barracks to the existing location at SAF Armour Centre, Sungei Gedong Camp.

42 SAR is an Armoured Battle Group (ABG) and comprises the battalion headquarters, 3 Combat Teams, 1 Support Company and 1 Headquarters Company. In total, the ABG has about 700 men and 70 vehicles. The ABG is equipped with Bionix, Ultra M113, and 12 SM1 tanks, and a number of support transport vehicles.

42 SAR is the first battalion of armoured troopers to operate the Bionix Infantry Fighting Vehicle. It went through its first Battalion Proficiency Test (BPT) on 10 June 1999. To achieve operational status, the unit has to undergo weaponry and tactical training.

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