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SAF Overseas Service Medal Presentation Ceremony

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The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan, presented the SAF Overseas Service Medal to 128 Singapore Armed Forces personnel in a ceremony at the MINDEF Auditorium this evening. This medal is given in recognition of their significant contributions to the International Force for East Timor (INTERFET) and United Nations Transitional Administration for East Timor (UNTAET).

The recipients comprise members of the SAF Liaison Team (LST), the SAF Medical Team 2, the crew of Landing Ship Tank RSS PERSEVERANCE, and the C130 detachment. The SAF Medical Team 2 was deployed in East Timor, as part of the INTERFET Forward Surgical Team to provide medical assistance to INTERFET/UNTAET personnel and East Timorese. The SAF's LST provided logistics support to INTERFET by transporting personnel, equipment and vehicle from Darwin to East Timor.

The SAF Overseas Service Medal is awarded to SAF personnel who have participated in overseas missions and operations such as UN peacekeeping missions and international relief operations. Present at the medal presentation were the Chief of Defence Force, Major-General Lim Chuan Poh; the Chief of Air Force, Major-General Raymund Ng; the Chief of Army, Major-General Ng Yat Chung; the Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral Lui Tuck Yew and senior officers from MINDEF and the SAF, as well as spouses and family members of the medal recipients.