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Commissioning of RSS Persistence and RSS Endeavour

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DPM and Minister for Defence Dr Tony Tan commissioned the third and fourth locally designed and built Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs) - RSS Persistence and RSS Endeavour -- today at Tuas Naval Base.

With the commissioning of these 2 LSTs, the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) has completed its programme to replace the old ex-County Class LSTs. These new LSTs will significantly enhance the RSN's capabilities in meeting its operational demands. Compared with the old ex-County Class LSTs, these new locally designed and built Endurance Class LSTs can carry double the load, travel at almost twice the speed with only half the manpower required. Their roles include the support of SAF deployments for overseas training, the conduct of humanitarian and disaster relief operations, and the training of RSN personnel.

RSS Persistence and RSS Endeavour will join their sister ships under the 191 Squadron based in Changi Naval Base.

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Speech and factsheet:

- Speech by Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral Lui Tuck Yew, at the Commissioning Ceremony of RSS Persistence and RSS Endeavour Held on Sat, 7 Apr 2001 AT 1130 hrs at Tuas Naval Base (MINDEF_2001040740)
- Factsheet - Characteristics of the Endurance Class LST (MINDEF_20010407341)

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