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2nd Platoon of SAF Peacekeepers to Leave for East Timor

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The Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF) second platoon of peacekeepers will leave this month for East Timor to serve in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET). This platoon replaces the first team of peacekeepers stationed in Fohorem, who have been in East Timor since May this year.

The SAF contingent serves alongside the New Zealand Defence Force in the western sector of East Timor, and performs duties such as patrolling, manning checkpoints, protecting vital installations, and maintaining peace and security in their designated sector in East Timor.

Singapore has been consistently supporting the UN in its peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts. Apart from this platoon of peacekeepers, the SAF's contribution to UNTAET also includes a medical team stationed at the UN Military Hospital in Dili, and some military staff officers in the Peacekeeping Force Headquarters.

Minister of State for Defence, and Information and the Arts, Mr David Lim, presented members of the platoon with the Singapore flag badges at a send-off ceremony held this afternoon. Family members of the team members, senior Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and SAF officers witnessed the send-off ceremony this afternoon. Johnny also called on Acting Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral (NS) Teo Chee Hean.

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