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SAF Landing Ship Tank Deployment to Aid in the Reconstruction of Iraq

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Singapore made its latest contribution to the multinational effort in support of the reconstruction of Iraq, with the deployment of a Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Landing Ship Tank (LST) RSS Resolution. The LST and its crew of 180 personnel departed Singapore for the Gulf this morning, after a send-off ceremony officiated by Chief of Navy, RADM Ronnie Tay.

During its three-month long deployment, RSS Resolution will undertake tasks such as protecting the waters around key oil terminals, providing logistics support for coalition vessels and helicopters, as well as conducting patrols, querying, and boarding operations. Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard Miranda, Commanding Officer of 191 Squadron, will lead the Republic of Singapore Navy contingent.

The SAF had earlier deployed an LST, a C-130 transport aircraft and a KC-135 tanker aircraft to the Gulf to aid Iraq's reconstruction efforts.