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RSAF Deployment to Assist in Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations

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RSAF personnel and their American counterpart getting ready for the day's mission in Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Singapore has sent three Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) CH-47 Chinook helicopters from its Peace Prairie detachment in Grand Prairie, Texas, to assist in relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The helicopters arrived at Fort Polk, Louisiana, on the afternoon of 1 September (local time). They are based in Fort Polk for their mission.

Singapore's Chinook helicopters will be working closely with the Texas Army National Guard in their disaster relief operations. The RSAF's Chinooks will undertake resupply and airlift missions. Thirty-eight RSAF personnel, comprising pilots, aircrew and technicians, are deployed in this mission.

The RSAF's Peace Prairie detachment has worked together with the Texas Army National Guard on other relief missions in the past, including relief operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina in 1999 and fire-fighting and flood relief operations in Texas in 2000.



An RSAF crew looks out over a flooded area in the US. Singapore has sent four Chinook helicopters at the request of the Texas Army National Guard to help in aid efforts to New Orleans.



US aid workers disembark from an RSAF Chinook. Singapore has sent four Chinook helicopters at the request of the Texas Army National Guard to help in aid efforts to New Orleans.



An RSAF Chinook underlugs sandbags in efforts to help the devastated area of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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A Chinook flying over a partially submerged New Orleans.



RSAF Chinooks leaving for their mission



RSAF personnel and their American counterpart at Fort Polk, getting ready for the day's mission.

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An RSAF Chinook carrying sandbags to patch a broken section of the levee separating Lake Pontchartrain from the flooded area in downtown New Orleans.



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An RSAF personnel waiting for the right moment before releasing the underslung.



Some members of the RSAF Peace Prairie detachment deployed to assist in Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations

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