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RSN Launches Its Fifth Frigate

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Mrs Wong Kan Seng launches RSS Stalwart.

The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) fifth frigate, RSS Stalwart, was launched on 9 Dec 2005 by Mrs Wong Kan Seng, wife of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs Mr Wong Kan Seng, at the Singapore Technologies Marine shipyard. DPM Wong officiated at the launching ceremony.

The launch of RSS Stalwart marks another milestone for the frigate programme. In the next phase, RSS Stalwart, the fourth frigate to be built locally, will undergo harbour and sea trials.

The RSN's stealth frigates are equipped with advanced sensor and weapon systems. They have enhanced anti-air, anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare capabilities. A key node in the network warfare concept for the third generation (3G) SAF, the frigates will enable the RSN to undertake a wide spectrum of missions and more effectively carry out its missions of defending Singapore and its vital Sea Lines of Communications (SLOCs). The ships' sophisticated sensor and weapon systems are concurrently undergoing shore-based integration testing while the ships are being built.

Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean and other senior MINDEF and SAF officials were also present at the launch.



DPM Wong Kan Seng tour RSS Stalwart.



RSS Stalwart

Speech:

Speech by Mr Wong Kan Seng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs at the Launching Ceremony for RSS Stalwart, Held at ST Marine (MINDEF_20051209002.pdf)

Factsheet:

Factsheet - Republic of Singapore Navy's Frigate Programme (MINDEF_20051209003.pdf)

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