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SAF Day Parade 2006

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Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean inspecting the Guards of Honour Contingents.

The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) celebrated SAF Day at a parade officiated by Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean, at the [SAFTI Military Institute](#) this evening. The Parade, attended by about 1,500 SAF active servicemen and Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen), included a March Past led by Parade Commander Lieutenant-Colonel (LTC) Chee Wai Mun.

At the parade, Minister Teo presented the State Colours to this year's Best Combat Unit, the 1st Commando Battalion, and the [Best Unit and Best National Service \(NS\) Unit awards](#) to 22 SAF units.

The Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant-General (LG) Ng Yat Chung, led the Service Chiefs and all servicemen present in reciting the SAF pledge to reaffirm the SAF's allegiance to the nation and its commitment to Singapore's defence. A minute of silence was observed to honour Singapore's sons and daughters who had lost their lives in the line of duty.

A first for this year's parade was the 20-minute long pre-parade segment, which featured

performances by the SAF Band and the Silent Precision Drill Squad of the SAF Provost Unit. This year's parade was also the first time that the Guard-of-Honour contingents carried the SAR21 rifle in a formal parade while participants in marching contingents wore the new load bearing vest.

2nd Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen and Minister of State for Defence Associate Professor Koo Tsai Kee were also present at the parade and post-parade reception, together with senior officials from MINDEF and the SAF, members of the foreign military diplomatic corps and invited guests.



Participants in the marching contingent wearing the new load bearing vest.



The SAF Provost Unit entertaining the spectators in a pre-parade segment together with the SAF Band.



(From Left) Chief of Defence Force, Chief of Army, Chief of Navy and Chief of Air Force leading the servicemen in the SAF pledge.



Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean handing over the Colours to LTC Luis Phay, Commanding Officer of 1st Commando Battalion, winner of the Best Combat Unit award.



The Colours Contingent march past signals the end of SAF Day Parade 2006.