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Singaporean and Australian Defence Ministers visit Exercise Wallaby 06

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Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean interacting with NSmen from 427 SAR.

Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean and the Australian Minister for Defence Dr Brendan Nelson, together visited Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) troops participating in Exercise Wallaby 06, at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) in Queensland, Australia today. Mr Teo is in Australia on a two-day working visit from 28 - 29 November 2006.

Exercise Wallaby, an annual SAF exercise, is being conducted from 20 November to 12 December. This year's exercise marks a major milestone in the 3rd Generation SAF's transformation as a network enabled fighting force. The networked Division Command Post and the recently introduced [Battlefield Management System](#) (BMS) are being fielded for the first time in an overseas exercise. This networked system enables close integration and synchronised delivery of precision fires by SAF air and land fighting platforms such as the Apache attack helicopters, F-16 fighters, [PRIMUS](#) self-propelled howitzers and ULTRA Armoured Fighting Vehicles (AFVs). The BMS provides the SAF an enhanced ability to track the positions of both enemy and friendly forces. This enhances the command and control of forces in the battlefield whilst reducing the possibility of fratricide.

Mr Teo also observed an integrated systems live firing exercise and met NSmen from 427th Battalion Singapore Armoured Regiment (427 SAR), the first NS unit to operate the BMS-equipped AFVs. SAF training at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area is an important element in the excellent defence relationship between Singapore and Australia. The SAF and the Australian Defence Force have an extensive range of interactions. These include bilateral and multilateral training exercises, professional exchanges as well as the cross attendance of courses.



Apache Attack Helicopters, Super Pumas and Chinooks engaged in combined air manoeuvre.

Factsheet:

Transcript of Minister's Door-Stop Interview at Ex Wallaby 2006
(MINDEF_20061130003.pdf)

Factsheet: Combat Service Support (CSS) (MINDEF_20061130003_1.pdf)

Factsheet: The Networked Division Command Post (MINDEF_20061130003_2.pdf)

Factsheet: Battlefield Management System (BMS) (MINDEF_20061130003_3.pdf)

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