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## Inauguration of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Explosives (CBRE) Defence Group

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CBRE personnel using a Decon Sprayer (DS 10) to neutralize a chemical spill.

Chief of Army, Major-General Desmond Kuek commissioned the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Explosives (CBRE) Training Village on 8 February 2007, as part of the formal inauguration of the CBRE Defence Group. The training village is a facility that enables the conduct of specialised training against evolving CBRE threats. Located at Seletar Camp, the training village is made up of modular facilities configured to replicate realistic operational settings. Housed within a single building are mock-ups of aircraft cabins,

conference rooms and commercial sea vessels, each representing different air, land and sea scenarios in which CBRE forces may be deployed.

The new training village allows CBRE defence training to be conducted for a wide range of scenarios, in a realistic yet safe environment. This is critical as CBRE training often involves the use of chemical and biological stimulants, as well as the live-firing of specialised CBRE weapons.

The training village will fulfil the SAF's need for non-traditional training resources to sharpen its operational capability to deal with an expanding range of potential threats. Different situations that can be simulated include the collection of evidence for forensic investigation; accessing suspicious cargo on board aircraft and sea vessels, and the disruption of CBRE devices using robotic and manual means. Training sessions can also be recorded to aid after-action-reviews and to enhance feedback for active learning.

MINDEF consistently invests in building up the SAF's capability to deal with a range of security threats. Specialised facilities like the CBRE Training Village will help to hone the capability of the SAF's CBRE units through realistic training. The multi-faceted nature of modern threats also sees the SAF exercise regularly with Home Team agencies and working closely with other government bodies such as the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Environment.



CBRE personnel neutralizing a radiological device.

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