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Inauguration of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Command

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Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean inspecting the parade at the UAV Command Inauguration

Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean officiated at a parade to inaugurate the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Command, at Murai Camp this morning. Following the inauguration of Air Defence and Operations Command (ADOC) in January 2007, the UAV Command is the second of five RSAF operational commands to be

inaugurated as part of a functional re-organisation in the 3rd Generation Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).

In the new RSAF structure, the UAV Command will provide tactical support for operations conducted by the SAF. It will also develop capabilities and personnel skills in unmanned systems operations. The UAV Command is also the first operational Command in the RSAF's 3rd Generation transformation that is manned by personnel from all the three Services and includes personnel from the SAF's Joint Staff.

At the inauguration parade, Mr Teo also announced a new unmanned system, the Hermes 450 (H-450). The H-450 UAV is equipped with improved avionics and communication systems that will enhance the SAF's battlefield surveillance capability. The H-450 will complement the current Searcher UAV that is operated by the SAF. The establishment of UAV Command reflects the growing importance of unmanned capabilities in the operations of the 3rd Generation SAF.



Minister for Defence unveiling the UAV Command Logo, accompanied by COL Sarbjit Singh, COMD UAV Command (left) and Chief of Air Force BG Ng Chee Khern (right)

Speeches:

- Speech by Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean at the Inauguration of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Command (MINDEF_20070525003.pdf)

Fact Sheets:

- Fact Sheet: UAV Command (MINDEF_20070525002.pdf)
- Fact Sheet: Hermes 450 UAV (MINDEF_20070525002_1.pdf)

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