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240-Strong SAF Task Group Leaves for Gulf of Aden

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Chief of Navy Rear Admiral Chew Men Leong affixing the Singapore flag insignia onto a member of the SAF.

The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) has dispatched a task group in support of international efforts to counter piracy in the Gulf of Aden. Participating in the three-month deployment are a Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) Landing Ship Tank, RSS Persistence, with two Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) Super Puma helicopters on board.

Led by Colonel Bernard Miranda, Commander, 3rd Flotilla, the SAF task group consists of 240 personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force. The SAF task group will operate under the ambit of the multinational Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 to conduct sector patrols to deter pirate attacks in the Gulf of Aden. It will also respond to calls for assistance from ships encountering pirate attacks.

Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral (RADM) Chew Men Leong, officiated at the send-off ceremony held at the Changi Naval Base this evening. He said Singapore shared the concerns of the international community regarding the situation in the Gulf of Aden, and supported international efforts to keep the sea lanes safe and secure. Such international cooperation, carried out in accordance with international law, demonstrates the important roles that user

states can play to complement the efforts of littoral states to combat piracy and create a safe maritime environment in key sea lanes.



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