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SAF Task Group Begins Operations in Gulf of Aden

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The Singapore Armed Forces Task Group (SAF TG) that was deployed to the Gulf of Aden on 9 Apr 2009 commenced operations on 24 Apr 2009. Operating under the ambit of the Combined Task Force 151, the SAF TG has been conducting sector patrols to deter pirate attacks.

On 25 Apr 2009, the SAF TG responded to an emergency call for assistance from a Mongolian-registered vessel, MV Harmony Falcon. The SAF TG launched a Super Puma helicopter to investigate the suspected pirate boats and successfully deterred an attack on the merchant vessel.

The SAF TG, which comprises Republic of Singapore Navy Landing Ship Tank, RSS Persistence, with two Republic of Singapore Air Force Super Puma helicopters on board, consists of 240 personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force. It will be deployed for three months to support the international efforts to counter piracy in the Gulf of Aden.



Suspected pirate attack on MV Harmony Falcon deterred by the SAF Task Group.

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