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Singapore Armed Forces Operationally Ready National Serviceman Hit by Falling Tree during In-Camp Training

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At 11.50 am on 27 Sep 2012, a Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Operationally Ready National Serviceman, Lance-Corporal (LCP)(NS) Tan Tai Seng, 23, a transport operator from 63 Combat Service Support Battalion, was hit by a falling tree outside the Ama Keng Training Area at Lim Chu Kang. LCP(NS) Tan was standing in front of his military vehicle when the incident happened. LCP(NS) Tan was undergoing his In-Camp Training.

An SAF doctor on site immediately commenced resuscitation efforts on LCP(NS) Tan. A Singapore Civil Defence Force ambulance arrived on site at 12pm. At 12.09 pm, LCP(NS) Tan was sent via the ambulance to the National University Hospital (NUH). The SAF doctor continued resuscitation efforts in the ambulance en route to the hospital, which arrived at NUH at 12.32 pm.

Despite the best efforts by the SAF doctor and the NUH emergency medicine department, LCP(NS) Tan succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at 1.08 pm.

The Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and the SAF extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late LCP(NS) Tan. MINDEF and the SAF are assisting the family in their time of grief and are investigating the incident. The Police are also conducting a separate investigation.

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