

 **40**
YEARS OF
TOTAL DEFENCE



TOTAL DEFENCE DAY 2024

NE Engagement Package



Total Defence in Singapore

Why is Total Defence Day on 15 February?

Total Defence Day is commemorated on 15 Feb each year to **remind us of the day we fell to the Japanese on 15 Feb 1942**, and that we should **never take our defence for granted**. It was added to the list of commemorative dates for schools in 1998.

Brief History of Total Defence

Total Defence (TD) was first introduced on 22 Jan 1984 as **“the national defence concept”** to rally all Singaporeans behind the SAF should war occur. TD was also envisioned to **build up people’s determination to stand up for Singapore under all circumstances**.

Since then, TD has been contextualised as a **whole-of-society approach to address new threats and overcome non-military challenges and crises** such as terrorism, pandemics, economic recessions, and transboundary issues such as haze.



2024 marks 40 years of Total Defence in Singapore, since it was first introduced in 1984.

1984



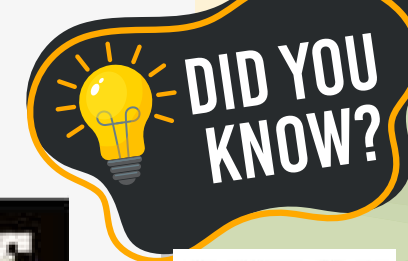
2006



2009



2014



TD has its own song! Scan the QR code to watch the music video!

40 Years of Total Defence

These posters reflect the evolving narratives of TD since 1984, from rallying behind the SAF to addressing threats like terrorism and encouraging Singaporeans to play a part and put TD into action in their daily lives.

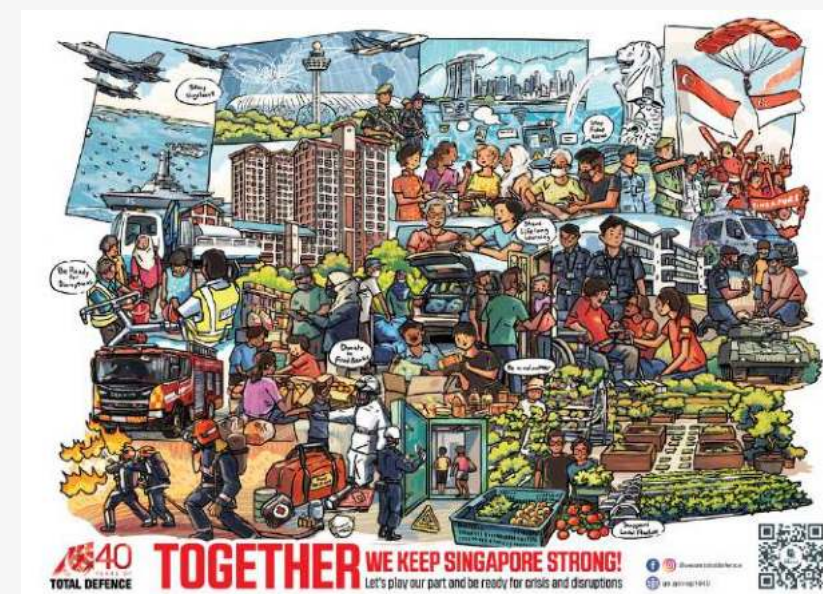
2016



2018



2024



Since 2016, the theme of TD campaign has been **"Together We Keep Singapore Strong"**.

TD has rallied Singaporeans together to face challenging national crises in the past

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A crisis reveals the true character of a people. Singaporeans passed the SARS test with distinction. We were at war with SARS. To overcome the enemy, we knew we had to work together as a nation. And we did.

We closed ranks and stood with each other. We helped each other without regard for race, religion or social position. During this crisis, I saw a national spirit I have never seen before. Our country bonded with stout hearts, tenacity and determination. SARS did not break Singapore. It made us stronger.

”

Speech by then-PM Goh Chok Tong at the National Day Rally on 17 Aug 2003



Total Defence in action: Singaporeans stepped forward to safeguard our way of life



Following the JI arrests in 2001, the **Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG)** was formed in 2003. The RRG is a voluntary group comprising individual ulama and a community of asatizah (Islamic scholars and teachers) which assists in the religious rehabilitation and counselling of radicalised and self-radicalised individuals.

The RRG also organises outreach programmes to educate the community about key Islamic concepts which have often been misinterpreted by terrorist and extremist groups.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, cabin crew from SIA, SilkAir and Scoot were temporarily **re-deployed as Care Ambassadors** at our hospitals. They served alongside healthcare workers and provided the much needed extra manpower when cases surged.

NEW On 15 Jan 2024, MOH, PSD and SIA Group signed a MOU to formalise the commitment to work together on manpower planning and deployment for future national crises.

Is Total Defence Still Relevant Today?

Asia markets slide on growing fears of Middle East war; Singapore share index down 1.3%

Singapore's logistics growth slows with Red Sea attacks and Panama drought

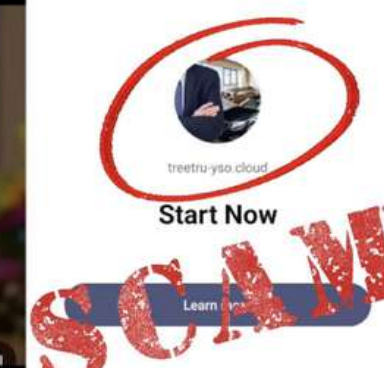
Deepfake video of DPM Lawrence Wong promoting investment scam circulating on social media

Singapore warns foreigners against using country to further political causes amid Israel-Hamas war

PM Lee urges vigilance against deepfakes after 'completely bogus' video of him emerges

Hours-long disruption to Singapore public hospitals' websites caused by DDoS attack

These are just some examples of the threats and challenges faced by Singapore. Can you think of others?



TEEN USED ROBLOX FOOTAGE TO CREATE ISIS PROPAGANDA VIDEOS

2 teens dealt with under ISA: How terrorist groups target youth online through games, chats





Yes! Total Defence remains relevant to deal with evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. Beyond security threats, information campaigns, supply chain disruptions and food security are examples of other threats that can affect Singaporeans' way of life.



Everyone has a part to play in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises or disruptions, and that we remain resilient and united.



Are you READY for DISRUPTIONS?



Scan the QR code to watch the
Exercise SG Ready Scenario Video
or visit

go.gov.sg/sreadyvideo



You may also **download the video** at: go.gov.sg/sreadyvideodownload

Exercise SG Ready

- To increase Singaporeans' readiness in times of crises and disruptions and instil a sense of confidence and optimism in Singapore's future, the inaugural Exercise SG Ready will be held from 15 - 29 Feb 2024.

- The exercise simulates disruptions of:



Water



Power



Digital
Connectivity



Food
Supply



Civil
Emergency

- Over 500 educational, community, commercial, and government buildings have volunteered to participate in this exercise, to put TD into action by putting in place their own contingency plans for disruptions.

- Some SAF units and MINDEF departments are taking part in this exercise too.

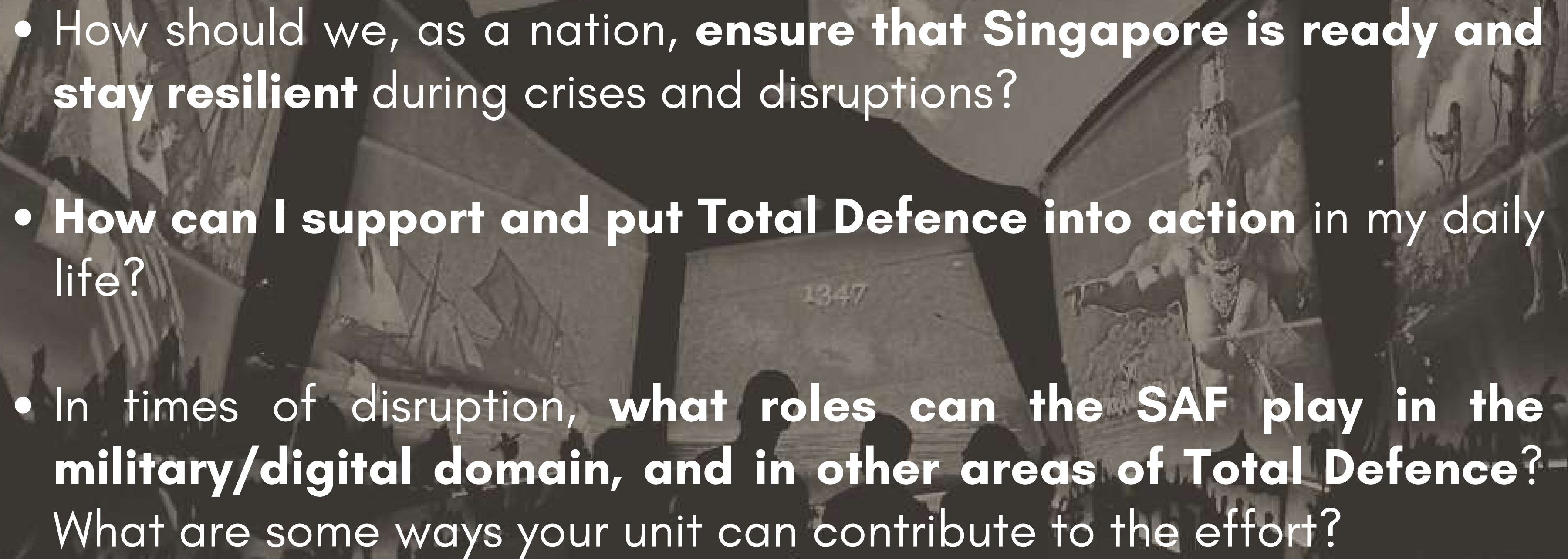


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to watch a reel by
The Straits Times
on Exercise SG
Ready



<https://go.gov.sg/sgreadyreel>

FOMO? Run a Table Top Exercise to review your contingency plans for disruptions!
Check out: go.gov.sg/tdtttx-for-businesses

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- How should we, as a nation, **ensure that Singapore is ready and stay resilient** during crises and disruptions?
 - **How can I support and put Total Defence into action** in my daily life?
 - In times of disruption, **what roles can the SAF play in the military/digital domain, and in other areas of Total Defence?**
What are some ways your unit can contribute to the effort?

Reflections



Keeping Singapore Ready, Resilient and Strong

Examples of actions for Businesses and Organisations



Assess your readiness for crises and disruptions in the areas of: water, food supply, power, digital connectivity, and civil emergency



Strengthen contingency plans to ensure readiness during crises and disruptions



Show support for National Service



Keeping Singapore Ready, Resilient and Strong

Examples of actions for Individuals



Keep a lookout for others around us



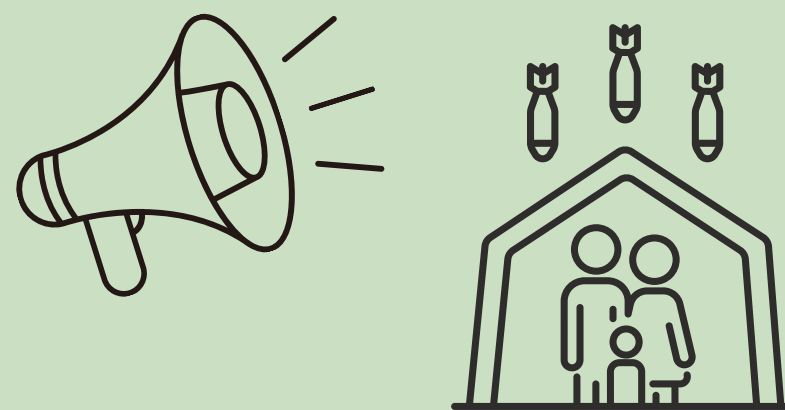
Help other Singaporeans



Ensure essential items such long shelf life food, torch lights, and first-aid kit are well-stocked in your household






Equip yourself with life-saving skills such as basic first-aid and CPR skills



Know where the nearest Civil Defence Shelter is located and familiarise yourself with the SCDF Public Warning System



Learn more about being more prepared for emergency situations with the Community Emergency Preparedness Programme (CEPP)

 Grow your own food	 Pick up a new skill	 Volunteer	 Learn about different cultures	 Practice good cyber hygiene
 Conserve energy and water	 Cultivate good saving habits	 Look after your mental well-being	 Support local produce	 Visit SAF/ Home Team Museums
 Download SGSecure App	 Say 'Hi' to your neighbour	 Show support for NS	 Stock essential items in household	 Stand up against mistruths
 Fact-check news sources	 Attending call-ups and ICTs	 Learn CPR and AED	 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	 Donate to food banks
 Offer help to those in need	 Donate Blood	 Report scams and suspicious activities	 Join the SAFVC or HTVN	 Bring your own container to dabao

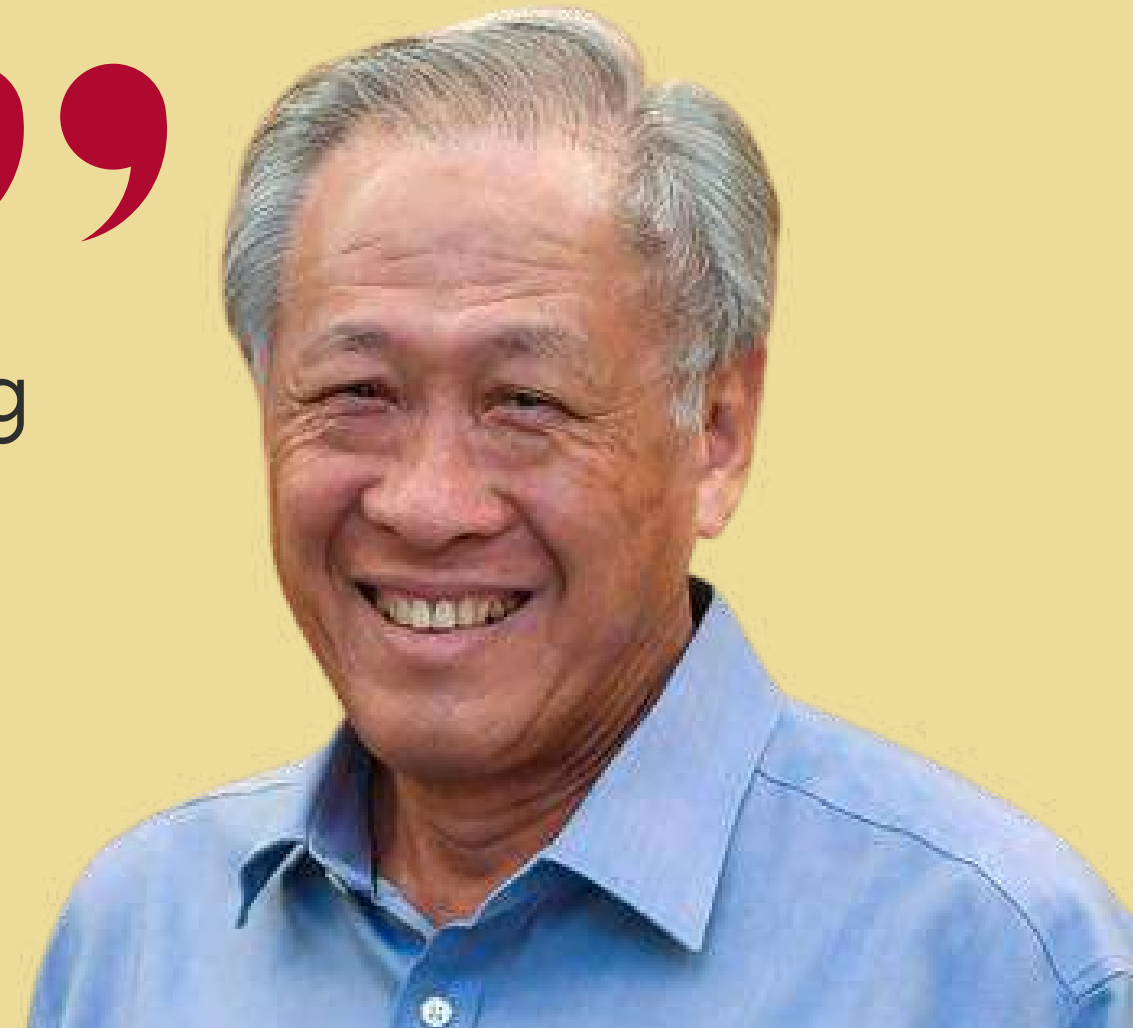
Have you put Total Defence into Action?

Find out through this game of

BINGO!

“ If we can keep this message of Total Defence strong for another generation, then Singapore’s future will be that much more secure for the future, come what may. ”

Speech by Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen at the Total Defence Awards (TDA) Ceremony 2023 on 20 Nov 2023



Useful Resources



Keep a look out for 2024's TD Video Message, which would be released at 10am on 15 Feb!

ENGAGEMENT PACKAGE

RESOURCE PACKAGES
Total Defence Resources

20 JAN 2024

<https://go.gov.sg/sg101td>

For more TD resources, visit the SG101 TD page!
go.gov.sg/sg101td

SG101

NE ACTIVITIES

Operations Triple Threat
* Description of Programme * Participants will role-play as investigators on a mission to foil a bomb threat by deciphering clues and visiting up to six historical sites that are suspected to be post-...

Quest on Wheels
* Description of Programme * Uncover stories behind Singapore's street names as participants journey to locations significant to our multicultural heritage. Participants will get to experience Singapore...

"HTHT"
* Description of Programme * Through interaction with our speakers possessing relevant experience in their respective fields, this programme aims to pro...

Black Lake Race
* Description of Programme * Roleplaying as agents of the Black Lake Facilit participants race against time to complete secret missions that protect Singa...

MINDEF/SAF units can visit <https://www.defencecollectivesg.com/ne-programme> for NE activities!

Look out for **roving TD40 exhibitions** coming your way at SAFRA and regional libraries later this year! Stay tuned to the SG101 TD page for the list of venues and dates.

COMING SOON



Visit TD Exhibition at Singapore Discovery Centre

VIDEOS

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Total Defence Exercise SG Ready Scenario Video 2024

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