

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HTVN WEBINAR: TOWARDS A SOCIETY WITHOUT RE-OFFENDING

The Home Team Volunteer Network (HTVN) kicked off 2022 with its first webinar of the year on 14 January. Attended by over 120 volunteers with MOS Desmond Tan as the Guest-of-Honour, the session saw Prison officers presenting on Prisons' rehabilitation and aftercare programmes. The webinar also included a personal sharing by an ex-offender turned religious volunteer on how he successfully came back on the right path.



>> [Check out MOS Desmond Tan's FB post on the webinar](#)

>> [Check out snippets of the webinar on HTVN's FB](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

RESPONDERS' & PARTNERS' APPRECIATION EVENT

21 community partners were recognised for their strong support towards the SGSecure Responders' Network (SRN) and Community First Responder initiatives. At the event, MOS Desmond Tan also announced the expanded role of the SRN.



"The broadening of the scope of SGSecure Responders will allow more people to join the Network – in particular, those who may not yet have the confidence to perform CPR/AED or to put out fires in our neighbourhoods."

– MOS Desmond Tan

>> [Watch a video on the broadened scope of the SRN](#)

The Expanded SGSecure Responder Network

1. Staying Alert *NEW

Keeping an eye on and reporting suspicious items and behaviours, including signs of radicalisation.



2. Staying United *NEW

Sharing news and information from credible or official sources such as the SGSecure app to curb the spread of misinformation in a crisis.



3. Staying Strong

Responding to others in distress, such as cardiac arrest and minor fire cases near you.



>> [Learn more about the expanded SRN and sign up!](#)

>> [Read MHA's press release on the SRN](#)

Prisons (Amendment) Bill | The Bill introduced new laws that aim to improve inmates' rehabilitation and reintegration outcomes, and enable SPS to carry out its functions more effectively. Here are three things you should know about the upcoming changes:



#1. The Employment Preparation Scheme (EmPS) | EmPS will replace the current Work Release Scheme and allow inmates to pursue education and training activities, on top of working in the community. This helps inmates to upskill for better jobs.



#2. Protect Officers from Liability for Acts in Good Faith | SPS officers and auxiliary police officers will be protected from liability for acts and omissions done in good faith and with reasonable care, in line with what is provided for SPF officers in the Police Force Act and SCDF officers in the Civil Defence Act.

#3. Regulate Inmates' Communications | To ensure that inmates do not share sensitive information about their prison experience, the Minister for Home Affairs may make regulations to redact or withhold material in the correspondence for inmates and also require prescribed persons (or prescribed classes of persons) to give an undertaking before they can communicate with an inmate.

[>> Read the Second Reading Speech by MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim](#)
[>> Read the Wrap-Up Speech by MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim](#)

WRITTEN REPLY

Radicalisation of Migrant Workers and Guarding Against Terrorism Financing | On Tuesday, MPs Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim and Mr Sharael Taha asked about the radicalisation of migrant workers and how individuals can take steps to ensure that their donations to foreign entities are not used to finance terrorism. Here's an excerpt from the Written Reply by MIN K Shanmugam:

MIN K Shanmugam: To address Mr Sharael Tara's question, 10 migrant workers have been charged under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act to date. **Police treats every terrorism financing case seriously. Any support for terrorism-related activities or entities, no matter the source or amount, threatens our national security.**

Members of the public seeking to support charitable causes should exercise caution against donating to unverified charities or responding to unverified fund-raising appeals, both online and offline. It can be difficult to ascertain whether these charities, particularly those based overseas, are bona fide organisations. In addition, there is no certainty that the donations will be used for the publicised purpose.

Therefore, we urge donors to channel their donations through **registered charities which are regulated by the Commissioner of Charities**. If donors are keen to support foreign charitable causes, they may respond to appeals organised by these registered charities or entities that have obtained a fund-raising for foreign charitable purposes (FRFCP) permit from the Commissioner of Charities.

[>> Read the complete Written Reply by MIN K Shanmugam](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

The Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act (or TSOFA) has legislation to suppress the financing of terrorism. TSOFA prohibits:

- The provision and collection of property for terrorist acts
- The provision of property or services for terrorist purposes
- The use or possession of property for terrorist purposes

TSOFA also empowers enforcement agencies to seize, freeze and confiscate terrorist property.

[>> Learn more about TSOFA](#)

HOME TEAM UPDATES

ON THE RIGHT PATH, WITH THE SUPPORT OF ISD'S PARTNERS

ISD announced that a student who was detained under the Internal Security Act has been released on a Restriction Order after making good progress in his rehabilitation journey. "Daniel" (not his real name) was 17 when he was detained in January 2020 after becoming radicalised into supporting the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. ISD has been working with the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG) and the Inter-Agency Aftercare Group (ACG) to rehabilitate Daniel.

Arrangements were made for him to continue with his studies and sit for his examinations while in detention. Daniel scored four distinctions out of five subjects in his GCE NT Level examinations in 2020, and passed all his subjects in his GCE NA Level examinations in 2021. Since his release, Daniel has successfully enrolled in his choice course of study at a post-secondary institution.

Daniel has also grown closer to his family, and ISD will continue to work with RRG and ACG to ease his reintegration into society.



>> [Read ISD's press release on Daniel's case](#)

AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICE FORCE ACT



>> [Learn more about the provisions to the Police Force Act that came into effect on 1 January](#)

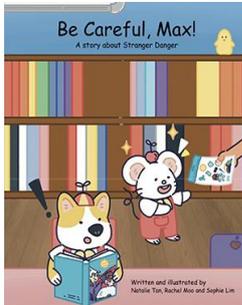
On 1 January 2022, a number of provisions to the Police Force Act came into effect. They include:

- **Increased penalties for motorists who evade roadblocks**, and covering more modes of roadblock evasion apart from physical dash-through, to ensure that deterrence against such offences remains effective.
- Making explicit **Police officers' existing powers to erect barriers and cordons to control human traffic**, and to make it an offence for persons who fail to comply with a Police officer's instructions not to cross such barriers and cordons.
- Providing Commercial Affairs Officers (CAOs) in SPF, who investigate commercial and financial crimes, with **more powers required in the course of their duties**, such as the power to arrest persons who possess stolen items. Previously, CAOs only had powers of investigation.

SAFEGUARDING YOUNG CHILDREN FROM DRUGS



CNB launched its new interactive book, “Be Careful, Max!” at PCF Sparkletots @ Nee Soon Central, Blk 646. Parents and educators can use the book to share with young children the valuable lesson of refusing candies and other gifts from strangers.



Download the book at go.gov.sg/6np9su or borrow it at:

- The Caterpillar Library (Taman Jurong Community Club)
- Little Library (Clementi Ridges)

>> [Watch the live-stream of the launch of “Be Careful, Max!”](#)

DID YOU KNOW? In some countries, harmful drugs are disguised or marketed as candy or other food products, and sold in bright packaging designed to appeal to children and youths. Last week, ICA foiled an attempt to smuggle such products into Singapore, with CNB later arresting a woman suspect in this case.

>> go.gov.sg/cnb-240122

INDUSTRIAL BLAZE DOUSED

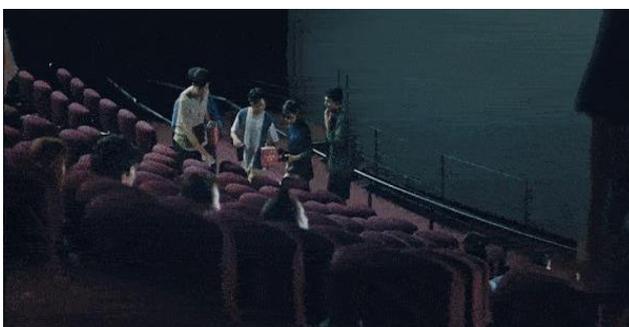


On 21 January, SCDF responded to a fire at an industrial premise containing flammable liquid and industrial chemicals. The fire was about one football field in size. A total of 20 emergency vehicles and about 70 firefighters were deployed. Seven water jets, including an Unmanned Firefighting Machine, were used to put out the fire. Foam was also used to cover or blanket the surfaces of flammable liquids. SCDF conveyed a person to Ng Teng Fong General Hospital for burn injuries.

>> go.gov.sg/scdf-210122

HOME TEAM INSIGHTS

FIVE FRIENDS



Sebastian and his friends were watching a movie in a cinema hall when a ventilation duct fell from the ceiling. Find out how they evacuated the moviegoers and attended to an injured lady! **#WeMakeSGSecure**

>> go.gov.sg/mha-sgsecure-friends

