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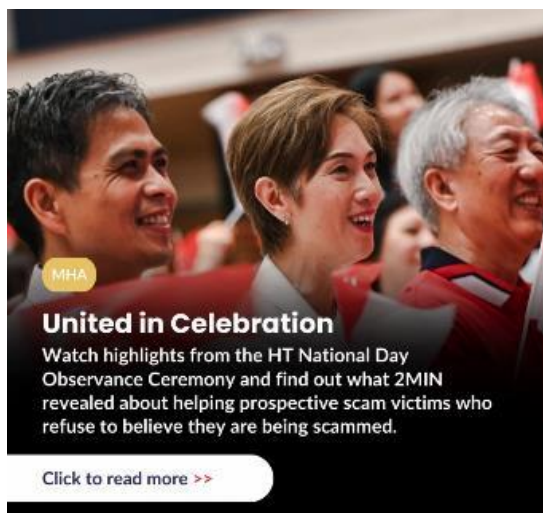
Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HOME TEAM NATIONAL DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY (NDOC)



On 2 August, Home Team officers and members of the public came together at the **Home Team National Day Observance Ceremony** to observe National Day and celebrate the recipients of the National Day awards for their good work and partnership with the Home Team.

In her opening address, Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Digital Development and Information & Second Minister for Home Affairs, **thanked Home Team officers, volunteers and community partners for their service to our nation.**

2MIN also highlighted that **terrorism and scams remain threats** in Singapore. She shared that the

Government is **studying additional measures to better protect prospective scam victims who cannot believe or refuse to believe they are being scammed.** "Our determined efforts to tackle terrorism and scams reflect the Home Team's commitment to keep Singapore safe and secure by updating our laws, by improving our detection measures, and also finding new ways to counter these threats," said 2MIN.



[>> Click here for 2Min's Speech](#)

HONOURING OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS



If you think being a volunteer in the Home Team leaves little time for personal matters, try telling that to **SGT2(V) James George Farhan Mansfield-Page**, who volunteers with both SCDF's Civil Defence Auxiliary Unit (CDAU) and SPF's Volunteer Special Constabulary.

In his own time, SGT2(V) James undertook additional courses provided by the SCDF to become cross-trained and deployable as a firefighter and an Emergency Medical Technician within CDAU. For his selfless acts of service, SGT2(V) James was awarded the **Minister for Home Affairs National Day Award (Home Team Volunteers)**.

Congratulations to all award recipients!

EDITOR'S PICK

National Day Parade 2024 – Volunteer Marching Contingent

Every year, the National Day Parade (NDP) dazzles Singaporeans with vibrant performances and stunning displays. But behind this grand showcase lies a dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly to make this celebration a success. Meet the Volunteer Marching Contingent, an assembly of uniformed officers whose unwavering commitment and hard work make this monumental celebration possible.

The Volunteer Marching Contingent is made up of volunteers from the Singapore Police Force's (SPF) [Volunteer Special Constabulary](#) (VSC), the Singapore Civil Defence Force's (SCDF) [Civil Defence Auxiliary Unit](#) (CDAU) and the Singapore Armed Forces Volunteer Corps (SAFVC). These officers commit to rigorous training and rehearsals to ensure a flawless performance on the big day.

Meet our dedicated volunteers who proudly marched in the year's National Day parade as they shared their insights into the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.



CPT(V) Lee Bee Lian
Civil Defence Auxiliary Unit
(CDAU) officer

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SI(V) Ismail Subari
Volunteer Special
Constabulary (VSC) officer

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SGT1(V) Sia Chui Jin
Civil Defence Auxiliary
Unit (CDAU) officer

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SSSGT(V) Alan Tan
Volunteer Special
Constabulary (VSC) officer

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Second and Third Readings

Anti-Money Laundering and Other Matters Bill

The Bill was debated and passed in Parliament today.

Here is a recap of the key amendments.

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Anti-Money Laundering and Other Matters Bill

Key Amendments

Align AML/CFT framework for casino operators with FATF standards

Casino Control Act will be amended to tighten requirements for casino operators to **conduct customer due diligence checks for the detection and prevention** of Money Laundering/ Terrorism Financing/ Proliferation Financing.

Key Amendments

Enhance ability of Government agencies to detect and enforce against ML Offences

- Enable **cross-agency data sharing** to enhance detection of Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Proliferation Financing
- Enhance **levers for prosecution of ML cases** arising from criminal conduct abroad
- Designate **foreign environmental crimes** as **ML predicate offences**

Key Amendments

Clarify and improve processes to deal with seized or restrained properties linked to suspected criminal activities

- Allow **sale of seized or restrained properties** linked to suspected criminal activities
- Allow authorities to deal with seized properties linked to **suspects who have absconded**

Casino Control (Amendment) Bill

MOS Sun Xueling introduced the Bill for First Reading in Parliament on 6 August.

Here are the key highlights.



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Casino Control (Amendment) Bill



Our casino regulatory regime has worked well thus far.

We **review the regime periodically** to ensure its relevance with the changing gambling landscape.

The Bill seeks to:

1. **Strengthen the effectiveness of the regime**
2. **Tighten regulation of casinos and licensees**
3. **Enhance protection for vulnerable groups**

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#2 Tighten regulation of casinos and licensees

Three new offences to strengthen deterrence against casino-related crime:

Withdrawing bets **after the result is known**

Recording a **non-card game**¹

Destroying or falsifying a document **knowing that it is required by GRA**



¹ For example, gaming machines

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To strengthen measures for the prevention of **money laundering** and **terrorism financing**:

Casino operators are required to **share risk information on patrons with each other directly**



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#1 Enhance effectiveness of casino regulatory regime

The Bill will allow the **Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA)** to:

1. Have new powers to regulate betting and lotteries in casinos¹, in addition to games of chance, to future-proof our regulatory regime
2. Approve gaming software deployed on mobile devices, and new wagering instruments in casinos²



¹ GRA currently no plans to allow casinos to carry out betting and lotteries

² Dependent on GRA's assessment

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Increased penalties for the following offences to maintain deterrence:

Minor refusing to give particulars or using false evidence of age to enter a casino

21+



Singapore Citizen or PR entering casinos **without purchasing entry levies**

Operating a casino **without a licence** and conducting **unapproved casino gambling**



Destroying or falsifying a document required to be produced to GRA; providing **false or misleading information** to GRA

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Two new criteria for GRA's suitability assessment of a casino licensee:

1. Conduct its operations **ethically and credibly**
2. Implement **strong corporate governance** and **internal controls**



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#3 Strengthen protection for vulnerable groups

1. Empower the **National Council on Problem Gambling** to immediately **substitute an Exclusion Order with a Visit Limit** (or vice versa)

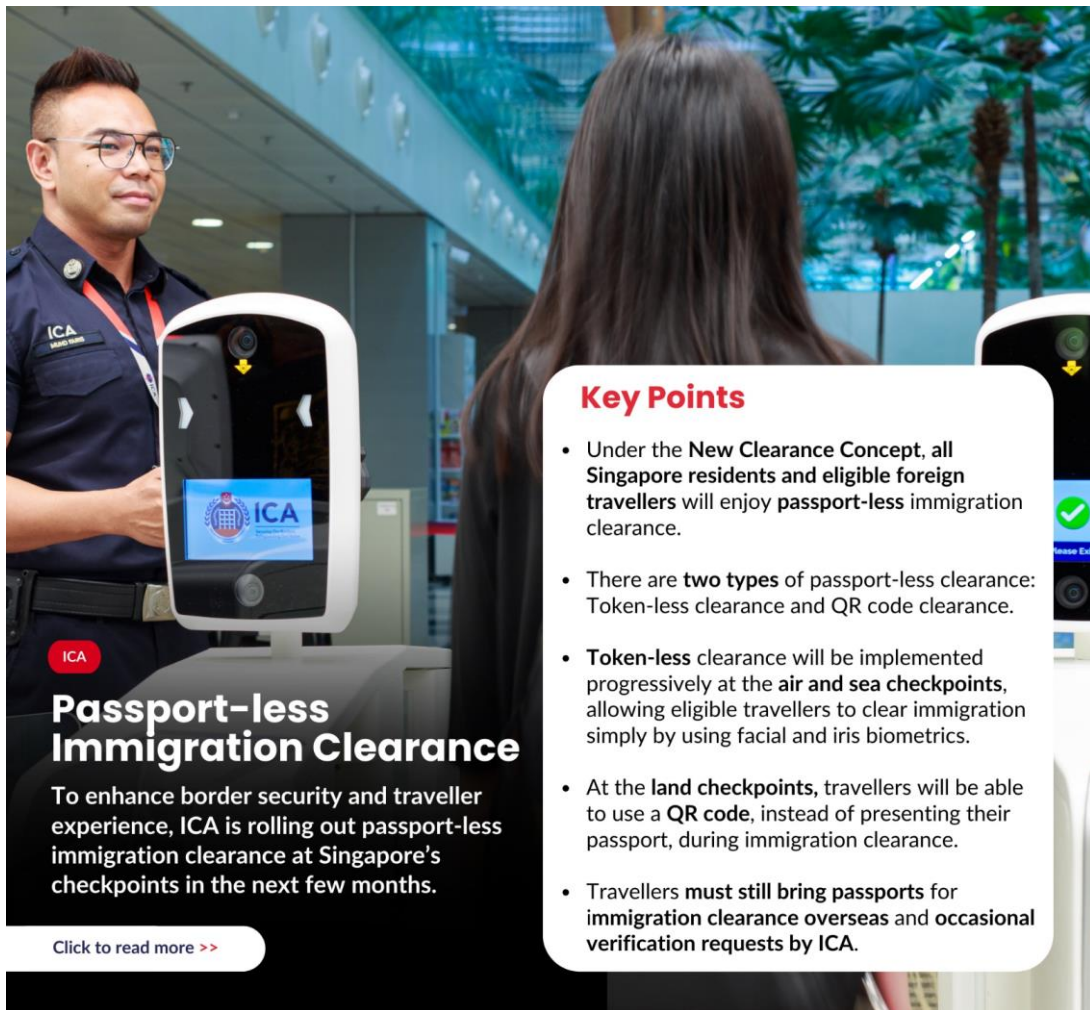
2. Make it an offence to **exceed the limit on casino visits applied by one's family**¹



¹ Similar to offence of entering a casino despite being barred under a Family Exclusion Order

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HOME TEAM UPDATES



Passport-less Immigration Clearance

To enhance border security and traveller experience, ICA is rolling out passport-less immigration clearance at Singapore's checkpoints in the next few months.

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Key Points

- Under the **New Clearance Concept**, all **Singapore residents and eligible foreign travellers** will enjoy **passport-less** immigration clearance.
- There are **two types** of passport-less clearance: **Token-less** clearance and **QR code** clearance.
- **Token-less** clearance will be implemented progressively at the **air and sea checkpoints**, allowing eligible travellers to clear immigration simply by using facial and iris biometrics.
- At the **land checkpoints**, travellers will be able to use a **QR code**, instead of presenting their passport, during immigration clearance.
- Travellers must still **bring passports** for immigration clearance overseas and occasional verification requests by ICA.



Revolutionising SCDF's Response Methods

From a new app to better fire-fighting machines, SCDF takes a major step in improving emergency response.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SINGAPORE TERRORISM THREAT ASSESSMENT REPORT (STTAR) 2024

The Internal Security Department published its annual STTAR on 25 July 2024, with the following key points:

- The **terrorism threat to Singapore has been elevated** since the Israel-Palestine conflict re-escalated following the 7 October 2023 HAMAS attack on Israel. There has been an uptick in anti-Singapore sentiments on social media, among regional netizens who perceive Singapore to be pro-Israel.
- On the domestic front, online **self-radicalisation** continues to be the primary threat driver.
 - Since 2015, 52 self-radicalised individuals have been dealt with under the Internal Security Act.
 - 13 of them are Singaporean youths aged 20 years or below, highlighting **concerns with youth radicalisation**.
- On the external front, Islamist terrorist groups, especially the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), remain a threat, and Southeast Asia continues to see ISIS-linked or inspired attacks and foiled plots.
- **Public vigilance and preparedness** are key to our defence against terrorism.

>> [Click here for the full report](#)

THE TERRORISM THREAT TO SINGAPORE REMAINS HIGH

Excerpts from the
Singapore Terrorism Threat Assessment Report 2024



KEY TERRORISM TRENDS

1

Elevated threat since re-escalation of **Israel-Palestine conflict**



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Globally, **Islamist terrorism** remains the key threat driver



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Far-right extremism is a growing concern



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Southeast Asia still experiences **ISIS-linked/inspired attacks and foiled plots**



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In Singapore, **online self-radicalisation** remains the primary threat



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Singapore continues to be at risk of being exploited for **terrorism financing**



Public vigilance and preparedness are key to our defence.

Do not let external developments divide us or affect our security and harmony. ISD will take firm action against any individual in Singapore who supports, promotes, undertakes or makes preparations to undertake armed violence.



Read more in the full **Singapore Terrorism Threat Assessment Report 2024.**



RACIAL HARMONY NATIONAL EDUCATION PACKAGE 2024

Active Harmony in Singapore

**National Education (NE)
Engagement Package
July 2024**



Every year on 21 July, we commemorate racial harmony day to remind ourselves that everyone has a role to play to build a harmonious society, and that our diversity can be a source of strength for the common good. You are encouraged to use this package to discuss the importance of racial harmony in Singapore, and how we can all play a part to strengthen racial and religious harmony in our own circles.

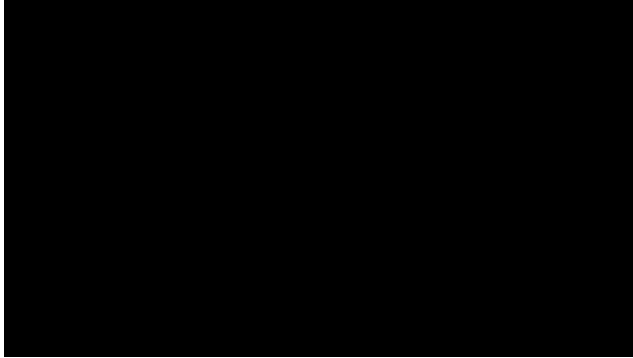


<https://gov.sg/racialharmony2024>

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SGSECURE'S FIRST MUSIC VIDEO

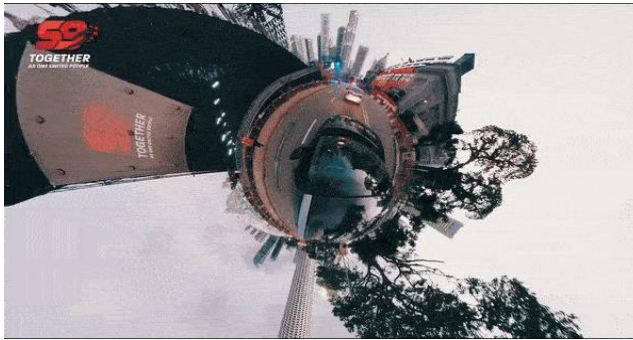


"Foiled Once More" was created in partnership with Nathan Hartono to raise awareness of the ever-present terrorism threat and the importance of social cohesion.

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