

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HOME TEAM VOLUNTEER NETWORK (HTVN) IS ON TIKTOK

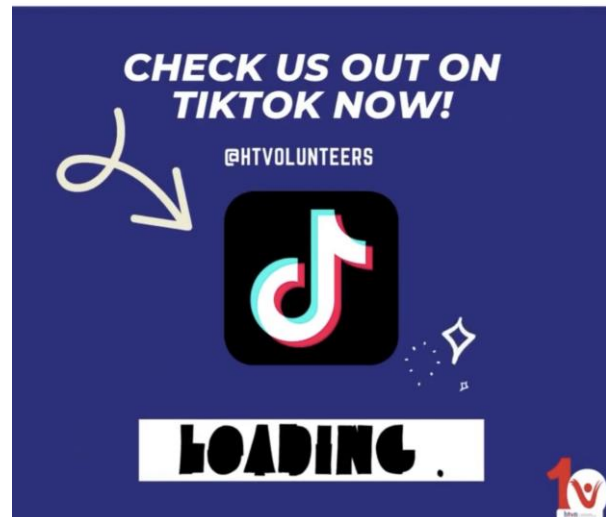
Guess what's brewing...? 🤖

HTVN has decided to hop on the trend! We're now on [TikTok](#) as "[@HTVolunteers](#)" so check us out and drop us a follow to keep up with exciting content to come!

#OrdinaryPeopleExtraordinaryMission
#HomeTeamVolunteerNetwork

Check out our post:

>> <https://fb.watch/5hOm1vCqli/>



HIGHLIGHTS

NEW FRONTIERS

From revamped vehicles to innovative facilities, SCDF is putting technology at the forefront of 2021. Catch what's new with these video highlights from SCDF's Workplan Seminar 2021!

>> go.gov.sg/scdf-new-vehicles2021

>> go.gov.sg/scdf-new-facilities2021



POLICE DEFENCE TACTICS



Officer Yulin gives us the low-down on Police Defence Tactics and how officers are trained to only use the necessary force for any scenario on the ground!
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>> go.gov.sg/spf-hellopolice-pdt

FIRST READING OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT BILL)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill was introduced for First Reading in Parliament on 5th April 2021. The Bill introduces amendments to the Road Traffic Act to improve road safety, regulate the use of Power Assisted Bicycles and enhance the Traffic Police's operational efficiency.



>> [Read the Press Release](#)

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS | On 5th April, MHA provided responses to seven Parliamentary Questions. Among these was the following from MP Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what assistance can be provided to parents of minors who wish to make background checks of persons to ascertain that they have not been convicted of sexual offences against minors before engaging them as freelance tutors or instructors for their children.

Here's the Written Reply by MIN K Shanmugam:

1. The approach taken today is to try and balance between ensuring that persons who have committed serious sexual crimes are not employed in positions which may put children at risk; and at the same time, not to add to the stigmatisation of ex-offenders and hinder their rehabilitation and reintegration.
2. To strike this balance, the Registration of Criminals Act allows the Police to maintain a non-public record of persons convicted of serious offences, including sexual offences. Agencies such as MOE and MSF work closely with the Police to screen prospective employees who are applying for jobs working with children, such as those in licensed preschools and schools.
3. However, as these records are non-public, members of the public, including parents, do not have access to them.
4. We are considering whether more steps need to be taken, to make it mandatory that all persons employed in similar sectors working with children be screened. There are some practical difficulties in taking this approach, which we are thinking through.
5. It is a further step, from that, to allow parents to screen potential tutors for the tutors' past offences.
I can see the reasonableness in the MP's request. However, it will be little short of having a public registry of a person's criminal antecedents. The information could easily become public. And that has its own consequences.
6. As far as we know, only the US has a public sex offender registry. One research study found that convicted offenders on the registry are more likely to reoffend, as the resultant exclusion from their neighbourhood, job loss, and anxiety problems are counterproductive. The registered sex offenders and their family members have also experienced stigmatisation, harassment, and abuse.
7. We will need to consider the consequences and see if we should provide for further pathways for checking a person's criminal antecedents, beyond the current approach.

SHARING OUR ANTI-DRUG

STANCE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE



“International cooperation to tackle the drug problem is particularly salient for us. In this regard, Singapore reaffirms our strong support for the CND as the UN body with primary responsibility for drug-related matters, and we are committed to working with the CND to strengthen international cooperation.”

– 2MIN Josephine Teo

>> [Watch the video of Singapore’s National Statement](#)

The 64th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) was held in Vienna, Austria from 12–16 April. The CND is the main drug policymaking body of the UN and meets annually to review and analyse the global drug situation; develop strategies on international drug control; and recommend measures to address the world drug problem.

Singapore’s delegation to the 64th CND was led by 2MIN Josephine Teo and comprised officers from MHA, CNB, SPS, MFA and HSA. Delivering Singapore’s National Statement, 2MIN announced Singapore’s candidature for CND for the term 2024 to 2027.

>> [Read the Press Release](#)

FYI Singapore is part of the UN’s Asia and Pacific Group and there are seven seats available for the Group for the term 2024 to 2027.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SPONSORSHIP AWARDS

The Home Team Sponsorship Award is given to Polytechnic and ITE students who demonstrate leadership qualities, drive and resilience, and who share MHA’s vision of keeping Singapore safe and secure. After completing their studies, Award recipients will embark on fulfilling careers with SPF, SCDF, ICA, SPS or CNB. At the Home Team Sponsorship Awards Ceremony yesterday, 39 Polytechnic students received the Home Team Diploma Sponsorship Award while five students received the Home Team ITE Sponsorship Award.

“We are clear that people are the key to our mission success. We want to recruit the best officers. We are committed to their development and to providing them a rewarding career with the Home Team... As One Home Team, we all work towards a common purpose, which is to better the lives of people in Singapore, and to protect our loved ones.”

– MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim

>> [Read the speech by MOS Faishal at the Home Team Sponsorship Awards Ceremony](#)



SPF | POLICING AT SEA



Rain or shine, our Police Coast Guard officers work hard to keep Singapore’s coastal waters safe. Assistant Navigation Officer Jared Koh gives us more insight into Policing at sea.

>> go.gov.sg/spf-pcg-jared

SCDF | DOG HANDLER



Ever wondered how an SCDF dog handler conducts his training? :) LCP (NS) Chew Wee Leong answers your burning questions!

>> go.gov.sg/scdf-weeleong

ICA | HOME TEAM TRAINER

With over 15 years of service, CI Muhammad Bin Latiff knows our checkpoints like few others. As a Home Team Trainer, he’s keen to share his know-how with the next generation of ICA officers. BY SHAFIQ GUEE

go.gov.sg/ica-ci-muhammad | 3-MIN READ

DID YOU KNOW?

BEWARE OF FAKES

Several fake ICA websites have emerged in recent months. These may look like ICA’s corporate website, but they have odd URLs and may launch phishing attempts to get your personal information!

PROTIP: Always look out for the [gov.sg](https://www.gov.sg) URL.



OPENING OF HOMETEAMNS' KHATIB CLUBHOUSE



“HomeTeamNS Clubhouses must be equal to the best in class, if not better, and they must be modern; they must be attractive. The locations must be excellent. And, by seeing them, looking at them, using them, they must reflect and show how we value our NSmen.”

HomeTeamNS' Khatib clubhouse officially opened on 10 April. As the first of three next-generation HomeTeamNS clubhouses, it features more facilities for recreation and team-building. Check out some of its awesome fitness facilities in this video!

– MIN K Shanmugam at the launch of HomeTeamNS Khatib, 10 April

Check out:

>> go.gov.sg/mha-htns-khatib

>> [Read MIN Shanmugam's speech](#)



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“The HomeTeamNS gym is such a great place to work out. I go five times a week and it allows me to maintain a healthy workout regime.”



WO1 (NS) Ahmad
Husaini Bin Mohamad
Hasbi, 1st Division, SCDF

“HomeTeamNS Khatib has a variety of facilities to help ensure a healthy lifestyle, from swimming classes to lessons at the gym, such as weekly aikido sessions.”

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