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SAF Medal for Distinguished Act

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Three Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) servicemen were honoured for their act of courage during the 155mm Gun Explosion incident in New Zealand on 9 Mar 97, this evening, 14 Jul. They were presented with the SAF Medal for Distinguished Act by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan, at a ceremony held at the Joint Services Officers' Mess in Gombak Drive.

The SAF Medal for Distinguished Act is a new State Award and it is the first time that it is being presented. It is awarded to individuals who have performed an act or series of acts of courage in hazardous circumstances without the regard for personal safety (attached are the citations).

The SAF Medal for Distinguished Act and Certificates of Appreciation / Letters of Commendation will be presented to a New Zealand Officer, Lieutenant Leroy Forrester and to various New Zealand personnel and departments that were involved in the incident respectively by the Singapore High Commissioner in Wellington on 15 Jul. The Chief of Army, Major-General Han Eng Juan will also be presenting Certificates of Appreciation and Letters of Commendation to SAF personnel who were involved in the incident on 15 Jul.

Present at the evening's medal presentation ceremony were the Minister of State for Defence,

Mr Matthias Yao; the Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant-General Bey Soo Kiang; the Permanent Secretary (Defence Development) Mr Peter Ho; the Chief of Army Major-General (MAJ-GEN) Han Eng Juan; the Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral Richard Lim and senior MINDEF and SAF officers and the spouses and children of the recipients.



Factsheet:

- Factsheet - 155mm Gun Explosion In New Zealand On 9 Mar 97 Citation - 1SG Teo Boon Hong (MINDEF_19970714003.pdf)
- Factsheet - 155mm Gun Explosion In New Zealand On 9 Mar 97 Citation - 1WO Mohinder Singh (MINDEF_19970714004.pdf)
- Factsheet - 155mm Gun Explosion In New Zealand On 9 Mar 97 Citation - LTC Toh Boh Kwee (MINDEF_19970714005.pdf)

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