

## Regional situation

### Malaysia

Over **100** arrested and seven plots foiled last year

Over **400,000** persons cross land checkpoints in and out of Singapore daily

### Indonesia

At least **74** arrests and nine plots foiled last year

**4** killed in Jakarta attack on Jan 14

**150** terror prisoners to be released this year

At least **100** have returned from Syria

- Uighur militants have linked up with regional networks
- Rohingya refugees vulnerable to radicalisation

## Evolving threat

The terror attacks in Paris on Nov 13 last year and in Jakarta on Jan 14 this year have shown a different, more dangerous modus operandi, Home Affairs Minister K. Shanmugam said in a speech to senior Home Team officials yesterday.



Police officers near the site of the attack in Jakarta on Jan 14.

### ATTACKS ON SOFT TARGETS

- In both Paris and Jakarta, the targets were crowded places with little or no security, such as restaurants, a sports stadium, concert venue and shopping malls
- Strict security checks at Stade de France helped deny entry to three suicide bombers
- In Jakarta, local militants apparently targeted a nearby larger mall instead of Sarinah mall. They appeared to have abandoned the original plan owing to tight security at the larger mall

### ARMED ATTACKS AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

- Multi-shooter attacks, staged almost simultaneously over different locations
- Attackers took hostages not to negotiate, but to inflict maximum casualties
- Targets were places where crowds gathered with little or no security protection, such as restaurants, a sports stadium and concert venue
- Substantial time periods when terrorists operated with little or no hindrance
- One officer arrived at the Bataclan concert hall 15 minutes into the attack and shot one attacker, but was ordered to withdraw
- A specialised anti-terrorism unit arrived half an hour into the assault, when the killings were over



A police officer (top) during an anti-terror raid on an apartment in France last November. Security forces at a police operation (above) in Brussels in March.