

Securing Singapore

With the terror threat facing Singapore at its highest level in recent times, the Home Affairs Ministry yesterday highlighted the three areas which will be significantly enhanced to tackle the problem:



Boost protection of infrastructure, buildings and events, and beef up the use of CCTV cameras

- More CCTV cameras to be installed, including at town and neighbourhood centres, pedestrian walkways linking Housing Board blocks, bus interchanges and MRT stations.
- For sensitive and critical infrastructure, such as Changi Airport, laws will be reviewed to include security measures at the design and construction stages.



Enhance security response capabilities for quicker and more effective response to a terror attack

- Make better use of available data, including use of traffic cameras and information from Electronic Road Pricing systems, to track suspicious travel patterns.



Strengthen community response through the SG Secure national movement, to be launched later this year

- It will start with programmes in schools and neighbourhoods.

OTHER STEPS



Manpower

- Home Team recruitment will be stepped up to fill manpower needs, including emergency response teams.
- Police will be the first to roll out a unified rank structure, to allow diploma holders more advancement opportunities. This will be extended later to the rest of the Home Team.
- There will be expert tracks to allow officers to build deep specialities in investigation, intelligence and special operations.

- Continue to tap former and retired officers. In the past five years, about 60 per cent of retired uniformed officers have been re-employed.
- There will be expanded roles for NSmen and NSF. They will be deployed to front-line positions, leadership roles and specialist positions.
- Leverage on technology to reduce manpower needs. There will be automated motorcyclist lanes at land checkpoints and immigration lanes with biometric checks at Changi Airport Terminal 4.



Cybercrime

- The Computer Misuse and Cybersecurity Act will be amended to tackle the transnational nature of cybercrime.
- Work with community partners to enhance preventive efforts, and engage online shopping platforms to remove fraudulent advertisers.



Prisons

- The Home Ministry will study how families can play a more effective role in rehabilitating ex-offenders.
- The employability of inmates will be enhanced through workforce skills qualification training, and numeracy and literacy programmes.