

Boosting SAF's firepower

Redoubling counter-terrorism efforts

- Putting more boots on the ground in crowded public areas. These could include MRT stations, popular streets and shopping centres.
- Boosting firepower of the Special Operations Task Force, equipping troops with palm-size unmanned aerial vehicles and weapons, so they can respond faster.
- Building a "high density" mock city, complete with high-rise buildings and road networks, for "highly realistic" counter-terrorism training.
- Sharing intelligence with the Home Team and jointly coming up with operational command systems.

New buys and investments



On land:

- A new armoured vehicle, called the Protected Combat Support Vehicle (left), for combat support troops. It will ferry supporting troops and better protect them in the battlefield, and is a critical piece in the army's journey to becoming more mobile and capable.
- Double the number of soldiers in the Cyber Defence Operations Hub by 2020, and use more artificial intelligence and big data analytics to better detect and respond to cyberthreats.
- Introduce a new SAF Engineering Scholarship to attract top minds and grow the pool of military engineers.

In the air:

- New helicopters to replace the RSAF's ageing Super Puma and CH-47 Chinook helicopters.
- Souped up F-16s with more advanced radars and air-to-ground weapons.

On water:

- Eight new Littoral Mission Vessels (LMVs) to replace the ageing patrol vessels. The first LMV will be operational by early next year.
- Two new Type 218 submarines by 2020 to replace ageing Challenger-class vessels.

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