

# How the exercise unfolded

Led by the police, the islandwide exercise was the largest of its kind held here, involving over 3,200 personnel from different agencies.

## PHASE 1



**OCT 17**

Several “bomb attacks” in the region pointed to an “imminent terror threat” here. Security at checkpoints was stepped up and joint patrols by Home Team and Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) personnel were started, but the terrorists managed to enter Singapore’s northern coast on speedboats.

## PHASE 2



**OCT 18 About 12.30am**

The terrorists fanned out and struck at shopping malls in Bishan and Tampines. At Bishan, they fired indiscriminately at civilians. The police’s Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) arrived to deal with them.

In Tampines, they attacked shopping malls Century Square and Tampines Mall. Officers from the police’s ERTs and, later, the Special Operations Command’s Anti-Swarming Team arrived to neutralise

the threat. Meanwhile, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority officers found an improvised explosive device on a vehicle coming into the country. The bomb was neutralised by the SAF.



**About 1am**

In an act of desperation, the terrorists held hostages in a Golden Village cinema hall in Tampines Mall. The SAF’s Special Operations Task Force arrived to storm the cinema.



**About 1.30am**

The terror threat was neutralised. Singapore Civil Defence Force officers and community volunteers attended to the injured. Meanwhile, officers also nabbed a terrorist attempting to escape via Woodlands Checkpoint.