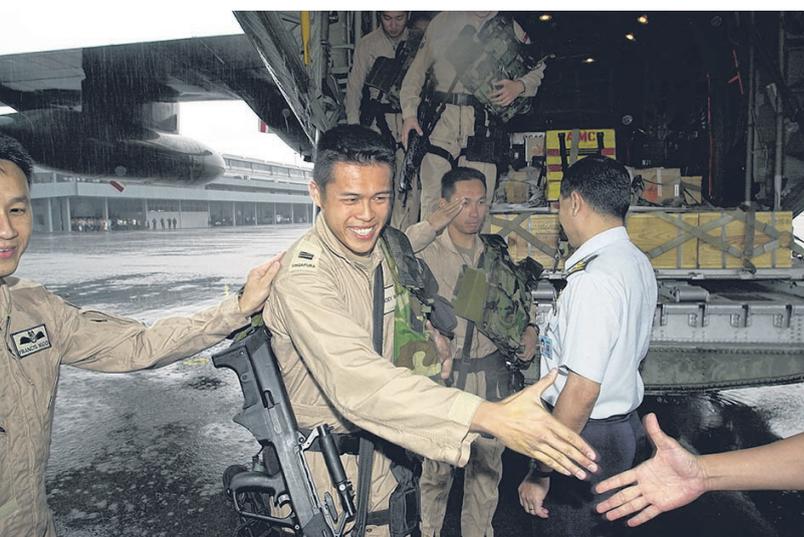


Major SAF deployments overseas

Besides overseas training, SAF soldiers have taken part in overseas missions. These are key deployments.



Iraq 2003 to 2008

Mission: Contribution to international effort to stabilise and reconstruct Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

- Codenamed Operation Blue Orchid, the SAF deployed landing ships, a KC-135 tanker and C-130 transport aircraft.
- A total of 998 servicemen took part in the six-year operation, with some serving multiple times.

Gulf of Aden 2009 to 2014

Mission: Assisting international anti-piracy efforts

- An international combined naval task force was set up in 2009 after piracy attacks soared in the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia.
- The SAF deployed a frigate, a naval helicopter and a maritime patrol aircraft a total of five times, in three-month rotations.
- In 2010, 2011 and 2013, the SAF also took command of the task force. The three Singaporeans at the helm were Rear-Admirals Giam Hock Koon, Harris Chan and Bernard Miranda.
- Although the number of pirate attacks have fallen, the task force is still active today.



Afghanistan 2007 to 2013

Mission: Taking part in international effort to stabilise and reconstruct Afghanistan after decades of conflict.

- SAF soldiers performed roles including intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, medical, dental and training the Afghanistan National Security Forces. Close to 500 soldiers participated.



Banda Aceh and Meulaboh in Indonesia

Dec 2004 to Jan 2005

Mission: Humanitarian assistance after the tsunami on Dec 26, 2004

- Codenamed Operation Flying Eagle, the SAF sent three helicopter-landing ships, Chinook and Super Puma helicopters, field hospitals, engineering teams with heavy equipment, air traffic control coordination teams, a mobile air traffic control tower, and a C-130 transport plane.
- About 1,200 soldiers were deployed in SAF's largest mission to date. The mission commander was then Colonel Tan Chuan-Jin, who is now Speaker of Parliament.