

Total Defence Day 2025

NE Engagement Package

Watch: Our Shared Commitment to Total Defence



Ms Cindy Chng

INSPIRIT member and Grassroots volunteer

"It's about that shared ownership that we can bring to make Singapore special."




Mr Gaurav Keerthi

Ensign Infosecurity (Singapore) Pte Ltd

"The most important ingredient [in cyber defence] is having great people."

“ **Total Defence has kept Singapore safe and guided its people through many challenges,** including terrorism, financial crises and a pandemic. We overcame these challenges and emerged stronger, because **we worked together, stayed united, and each one of us played our part.** **That is the essence of Total Defence.** ”

[Total Defence Day 2024 Message by then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Mr Lawrence Wong](#)

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Total Defence (TD): A Whole-of-Nation Approach



1984
Introduction of TD as the “national defence concept” to rally Singaporeans behind the SAF.



2003
TD rallied Singaporeans in responding to challenges such as SARS.



2024
Commemoration of 40 years of TD and the launch of the inaugural Exercise SG Ready.



2020
COVID-19 saw TD in action, with a whole-of-society response to combat the pandemic.



2019
Sixth pillar of Digital Defence was introduced to respond to threats from the digital domain.

Is Total Defence still **relevant**?

- ✳ Today, Singapore faces an increasingly complex and dangerous world. Geopolitical tensions and terrorism threaten to disrupt our economy, supply chains and multicultural harmony. Hybrid threats such as cyberattacks and disinformation operations can undermine our peace, security and unity.
- ✳ Total Defence, as a shared responsibility where every one of us has a role, provides a whole-of-nation framework to deal with these multifaceted threats.



Are We Ready for Disruptions?

- ✳️ TD has rallied Singaporeans together to face challenging national crises in the past, such as the 2008 global financial crisis and COVID-19. In a world often divided by intolerance and self-interest, all pillars of our Total Defence have stood strong and strengthened as a result of these stress tests.
- ✳️ As Singapore faces evolving threats and challenges, such as supply chain disruptions, water or power shortage, cyber attacks, our Total Defence will again be tested.

Hours-long disruption to Singapore public hospitals' websites caused by DDoS attack



Singapore orders social media sites to block 95 accounts, in first such use of foreign interference law

THE BUSINESS TIMES

Singapore's response to COVID-19 shows necessity of Total Defence: Ng Eng Hen

yahoo/news

Three men detained under ISA after radicalisation triggered, accelerated by Israel-Hamas conflict



Terrorism threat in Singapore elevated since Israel-Hamas conflict: ISD

THE STRAITS TIMES

Think about it:

How can Singapore and Singaporeans be better prepared to deal with disruptions to our power supply or our digital connectivity?

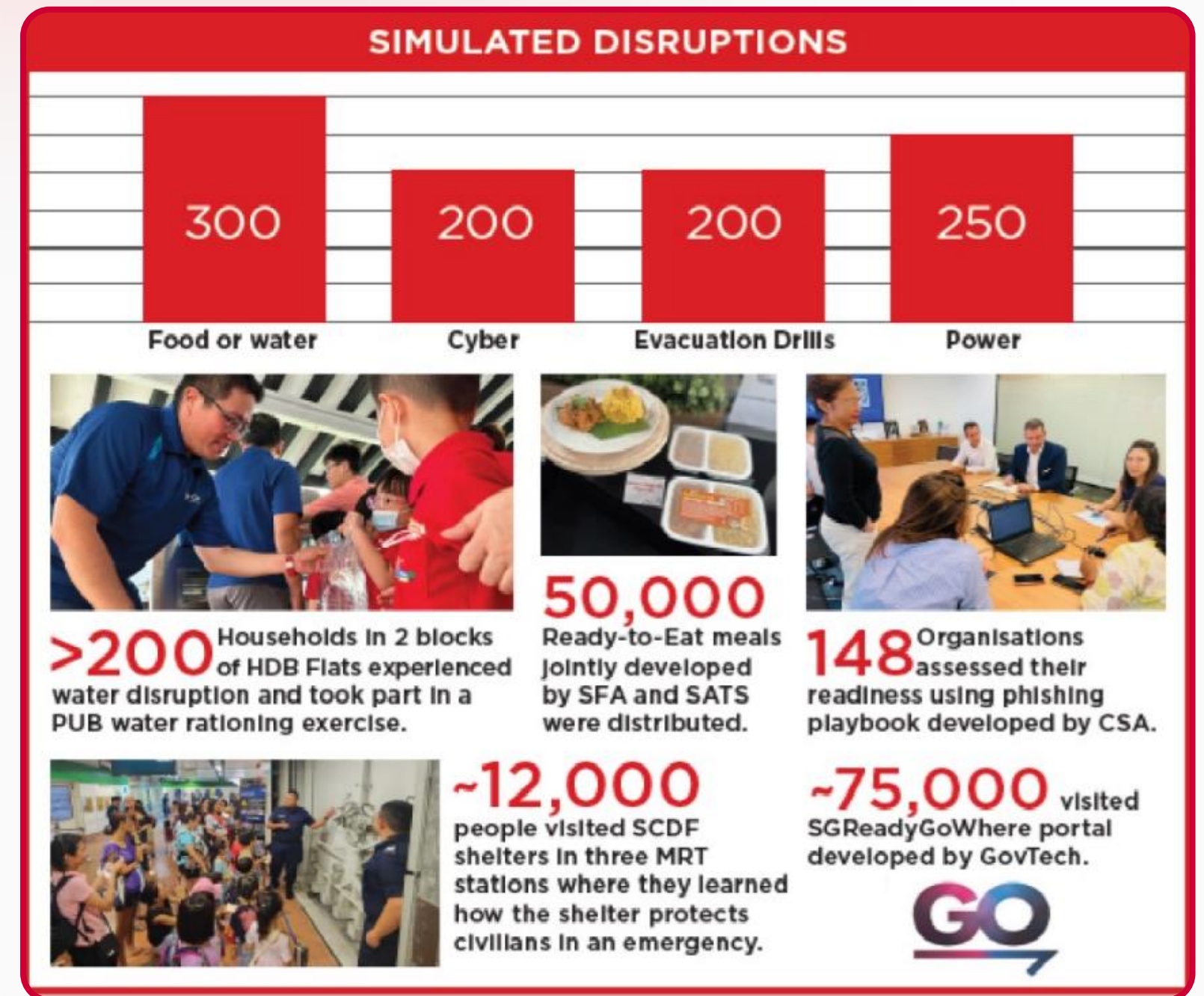


Exercise SG Ready

✳ The inaugural community preparedness Exercise SG Ready (ESR) was held from 15 to 28 Feb 2024 to activate thinking and increase Singaporeans' readiness for crises and disruptions and instill a sense of confidence and optimism in Singapore's future.

Did you know?

Within the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), units tested their Business Continuity Plans (BCP) and identified areas of improvement to keep Singapore and the SAF strong and ready in times of disruptions.



[Watch: Exercise SG Ready Scenario Video 2024](#)

Exercise SG Ready 2025

- ✳ This year, ESR will run from 15 to 28 Feb 2025. Co-led by the Ministry of Defence and Energy Market Authority (EMA), with a focus on power disruption and cybersecurity, it aims to:

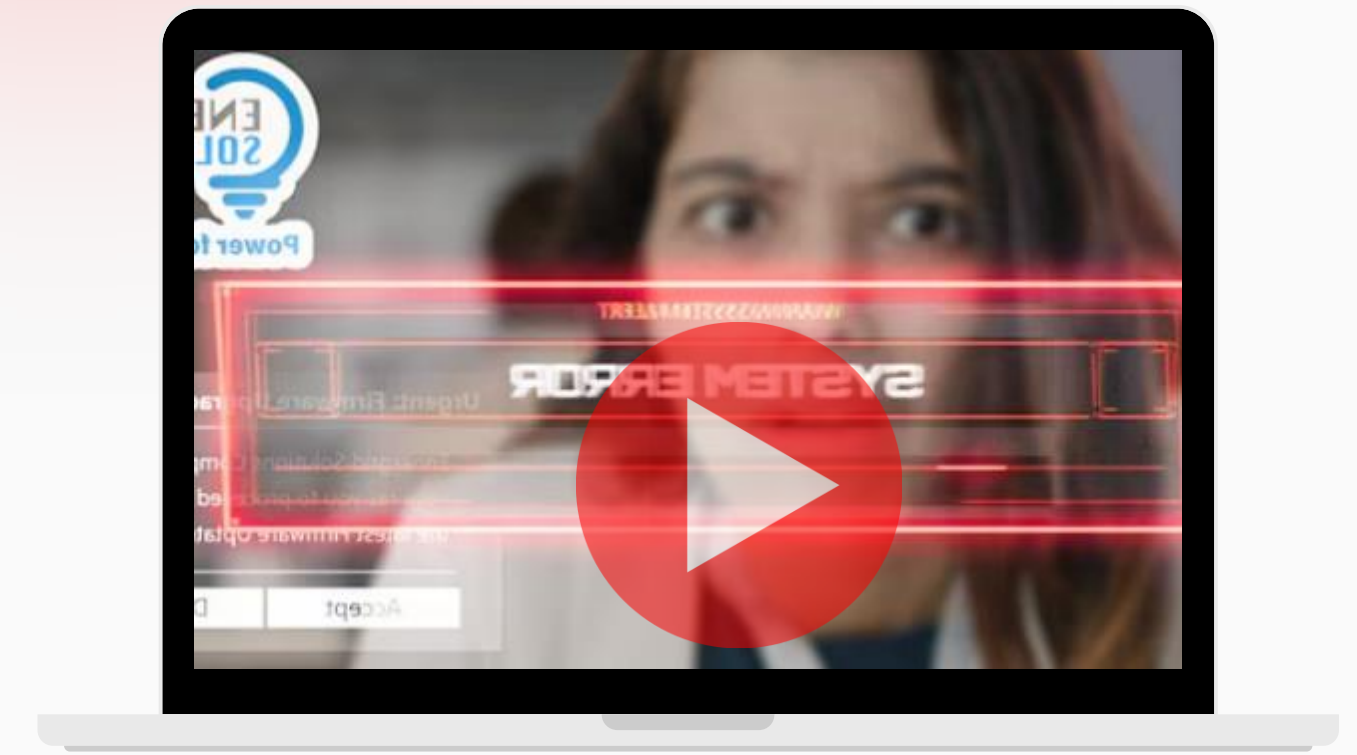
Strengthen education of what to do in a power disruption.



Strengthen businesses' resilience against cyber attacks.



Encourage everyone to be united and look out for one another.



[Watch: Total Defence Exercise SG Ready Scenario Video](#)

How can we respond to power disruptions?

Exercise SG Ready 2025



Inaugural coordinated phishing exercise in collaboration with Singapore Business Federation, Nexus, and GovTech.



Stronger businesses' participation across industries. Public and private sector organisations will test and execute organisational contingency plans through simulated power outages.



Integration with Whole-of-Government (WOG) Preparedness Programmes e.g., MTI-EMA will launch energy education and engagement strategy for the public.



First simulated MRT power outage and escape shaft exercise involving youths, public and grassroots.



For more information Find the locations and organisations taking part in ESR 2025: <https://go.gov.sg/sgreadygowhere>



Think about it:
What is your unit/department doing for ESR 2025?

Food for Thought

What can I do to play my part for Total Defence?



Assess your readiness for crisis and disruptions in the areas of water, food supply, power, digital connectivity and civil emergency.



Strengthen contingency plans to ensure readiness during crisis and disruptions.
E.g., [Learn more about power outage readiness.](#)



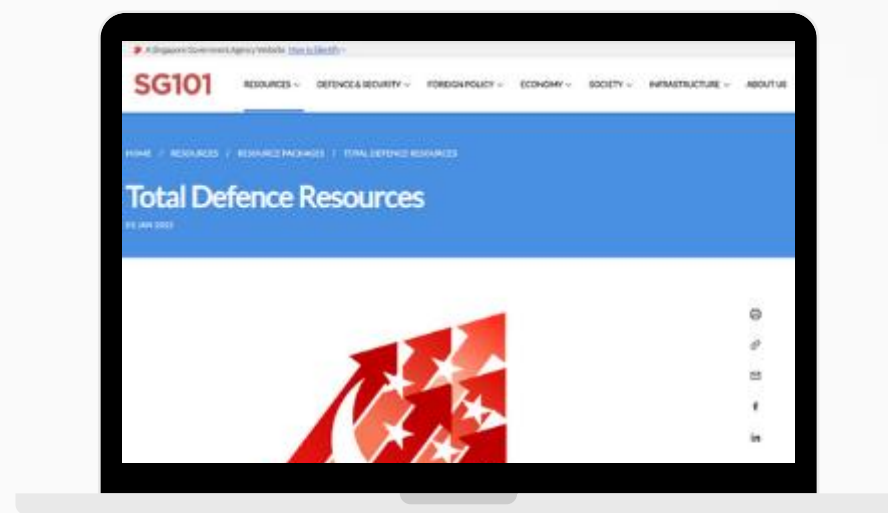
Look out for one another and help other Singaporeans.

“ Total Defence is not just about crisis response. It is about **building resilience and readiness consistently**...The resilience and readiness we seek cannot be mustered the instant a crisis happens. It **must be cultivated over time, even as we enjoy peace and stability here in Singapore.** ”

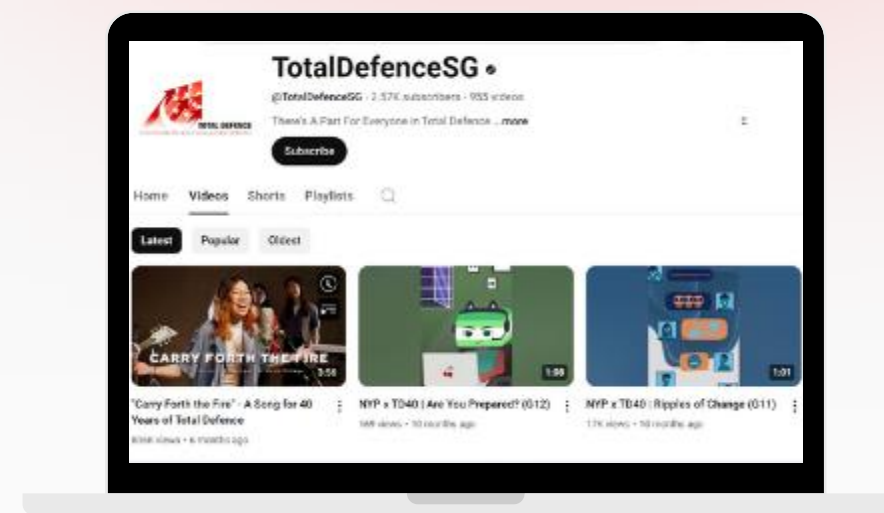


Speech by Senior Minister of State for Defence Mr Zaqy Mohamad at the inaugural Total Defence Convention, 25 Apr 2024

Useful Resources



Access TD resources on SG101
<https://go.gov.sg/sg101td>



Learn more about TD
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TotalDefenceSG>



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Read the TD Day 2025 message,
which will be made available [here](#)
on 17 Feb!

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