

SAF ASSETS DEPLOYED FOR SEARCH OPERATIONS

In contributing to Indonesia's search operations for AirAsia flight QZ8501, the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) has, as of 1 Jan 2015, deployed more than 400 personnel, two C-130 transport aircraft, two Super Puma helicopters, five Navy ships (Frigate *RSS Supreme*, Missile Corvette *RSS Valour*, Landing Ship Tank *RSS Persistence*, Mine Countermeasure Vessel *RSS Kallang* and *MV Swift Rescue*) and an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle team.

Surface Search

The two C-130s, *RSS Supreme* and *RSS Valour* were the first to be dispatched to aid in the search operations. In addition to utilising the ships' surveillance and navigation radar, and electro-optic sensor system, the deployed Air Force and Navy men and women also scanned the surface of the waters visually for debris of QZ8501, and the missing passengers and crew. Two Fast Craft Utility and two Super Puma helicopters from *RSS Persistence* subsequently joined in the search.

LST

• Deployed 29 Dec 2014
(with SPs & FCUs)

FFS

• Deployed 28 Dec 2014

MCV

• Deployed 28 Dec 2014

C-130s

• Deployed 28 Dec 2014

SPs

• Deployed 29 Dec 2014
(with LST)

FCUs

• Deployed 29 Dec 2014
(with LST)

Underwater Search

As the operation moved into its next phase, the SAF deployed more relevant assets to support the underwater search for QZ8501's parts, such as its black box and main fuselage. *MV Swift Rescue* is deploying a Remotely Operated Vehicle, while *RSS Kallang* is assisting with its underwater sensors and another Remotely Operated Vehicle. In addition, an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle team is operating from *RSS Persistence*.

AUV

• Deployed 1 Jan 2015

ROV #1

• Deployed 30 Dec 2014

ROV #2

• Deployed 31 Dec 2014

Legend

- C-130 - C-130 Transport Aircraft
- LST - Landing Ship Tank
- FFS - Frigate
- MCV - Missile Corvette
- SP - Super Puma Helicopter
- SWR - MV Swift Rescue
- MCMV - Mine Countermeasure Vessel
- FCU - Fast Craft Utility
- AUV - Autonomous Underwater Vehicle
- ROV - Remotely Operated Vehicle

SWR

• Deployed 30 Dec 2014
(with ROV #1)

MCMV

• Deployed 31 Dec 2014
(with ROV #2)