



The 2018 Southeast Asia Counter-Terrorism Symposium: A Collective Approach

4 to 5 October 2018 | Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Singapore

About the Symposium

Following its defeat in Iraq and Syria in 2017, the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS) has expanded its reach to other parts of the world - including Southeast Asia - by making links with local militant groups in the real-world or through ideological influence. This strategic confluence of IS propaganda, funds, and returning foreign fighters ensures that the magnitude and complexity of the terror threat in the region will continue to grow. In the next phase, IS and its sympathisers – whom have already demonstrated an affinity for social media and modern technology – will employ ever more sophisticated weapons and tools in the name of their cause. Besides causing casualties through attacks, the IS creed, if left unchecked, can undermine cohesion and resilience in our societies.

This two-day Symposium, titled “The 2018 Southeast Asia Counter-Terrorism Symposium: A Collective Approach” will examine four important threads to help ASEAN member states counter the evolving threat of terrorism: build strong ASEAN societies; recognise and apply appropriate counter-measures against the region’s increasingly militarised terror networks; employ advanced technologies and collaborate with technologists in the industry; and finally, consider ASEAN-wide collective solutions and programmes in Counter-Terrorism (CT). Attended by key decision makers, this Symposium aims to foster greater CT cooperation in the region.

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Symposium Programme

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0800 - 0900	Registration
0900 - 1030	<p><u>Opening Remarks</u> Ambassador Ong Keng Yong Executive Deputy Chairman S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</p> <p><u>Opening Address</u> General (Rtd) Ryamizard Ryacudu Minister of Defence, Indonesia</p> <p><u>Keynote Speeches</u> Mr Liew Chin Tong Deputy Defence Minister Ministry of Defence, Malaysia</p> <p>H.E. Hoang Anh Tuan Deputy Secretary-General ASEAN for ASEAN Political Security Community</p> <p>Mr Cardozo Luna Undersecretary Of National Defense Department Of National Defense, Philippines</p>
1030 - 1100	Tea/Coffee Break
1100 - 1230	<p>Panel 1 - Strengthening Societies against Terrorism <i>This panel will look at ways to strengthen societies' resilience against extremism and terrorist influences. This includes: (a) addressing the root causes of religious radicalisation; (b) inoculating the population against terrorist narratives; (c) rehabilitating and reintegrating radicalised individuals; and (d) fostering trust and engagement across racial/religious groups.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Dr Kumar Ramakrishna Associate Professor Head of Policy Studies, and Head of the National Security Studies Programme S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> Mr Alvin Tan Chairman Inter-Racial and Religious Confidence Circles - Kreta Ayer, Singapore; and Head of Public Policy (Southeast Asia), Facebook</p> <p>Mr Ahmad El-Muhammady Advisor to the Royal Malaysian Police on its Rehabilitation Programme</p> <p>Ms Bridget Robert Head Psychologist (Operations) Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore</p> <p>Mr Lim Shung Yar Director, Community Relations and Engagement Division Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Singapore</p>

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1230 - 1400	Networking Lunch
1400 - 1700	Site Visits <i>[Note: Only for symposium speakers and ASEAN delegates]</i>
1900 - 2100	Official Dinner <i>[By Invitation Only]</i> <u>Guest-of-Honour</u> Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman Senior Minister of State Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

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1030 - 1100	Tea/Coffee Break
1100 - 1230	<p>Panel 3 - Leveraging Technology for Counter-Terrorism <i>This panel will examine how organisations and the industry can work together to combat terrorism through technology. Representatives from major social media and online data companies will share how they can be involved in these efforts. The panel will also explore how advancements in data analytics and algorithmic technologies can be deployed to either thwart or mitigate the risk of terrorist attacks.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Dr Shashi Jayakumar Head, Centre of Excellence for National Security S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> Dr Mei Jianming Professor Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, China</p> <p>Ms Vidhya Ramalingam Founder, Moonshot CVE, United States</p> <p>Mr Brian Fishman Policy Director for Counterterrorism Facebook, United States</p> <p>Dr Mohd Abdullah Darraz Director, Maarif Institute, Indonesia</p>

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1230 - 1400	Networking Lunch
1400 - 1530	<p>Panel 4 - Building a Collective Counter-Terrorism Approach <i>This panel will conclude the Symposium and discuss how regional countries can take a collective approach to CT.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Professor Joseph Liow Dean, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies; and Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> Dato Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay Principal Assistant Director Royal Malaysia Police (RMP)</p> <p>Ms Luejit Tinpanga Deputy Director Directorate of Countering Transnational Threats National Security Agency Office, Thailand</p> <p>Mr Allan Phua Director, Joint Ops Management Joint Ops Group Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore</p>
1530 - 1600	Networking Reception

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