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## **ISSUE: NAVY OFFICER ARRESTED IN SINGAPORE**

**SENSITIVITY: Low.** Media attention unlikely.

### **KEY ISSUES:**

- HMA Ships *Tobruk*, *Success* and *Leeuwin* are currently conducting a Port Visit to Sembawang, Singapore.
- During the early hours 28 October 2010, an Officer from *Tobruk* was arrested as a result of an altercation in a bar with a local national.
- The Officer was detained overnight by Singaporean Police and released back to *Tobruk* with a provision that he remains in Singapore pending further police investigations.
- No formal charges have been filed.
- A waiver of Jurisdiction is being sought in order that the Officer can sail with the ship at 1600 (local) 29 October 2010.

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## **BACKGROUND:**

An officer from HMAS *Tobruk* was arrested at the Orchard Towers complex of nightclubs and bars in the early hours 28 October 2010. His charge was '*outraging of modesty*' when he allegedly touched a female national. The woman's boyfriend had taken offence and allegedly assaulted the officer and a scuffle ensued.

Singapore Police were called and statements duly taken. The officer was detained at a police station overnight. There was one other officer present who witnessed the incident and provided a statement to police. He was not detained.

At approximately midday the officer was released into *Tobruk* custody with a caveat that he was not to leave Singapore. At this time no formal charges have been filed.

ADA Singapore has been in contact with the police in an attempt to obtain a waiver of jurisdiction. *Tobruk* is scheduled to depart from Singapore 1600 (local) 29 October 2010.

## **TALKING POINTS**

**An incident occurred in Singapore involving a member of the RAN and a local national.**

**The sailor was temporarily detained by the Singaporean police, but was not charged with any offence.**

**After the temporary detention the Sailor was released and returned to his ship.**

**An internal investigation into this matter has been initiated.**