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Welcome to Sun Media Singapore weekly e-newsletter! Your go-to source for the latest news and insights on key markets that include Central Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. In this edition, we'll be taking a closer look at the latest bilateral developments in Singapore, India, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and Malaysia with a focus on the economy, and business. So whether you're a business professional, investor, or just interested in keeping up with the latest news from these dynamic regions, this newsletter is for you. Let's dive straight in!

# SINGAPORE



#### DPM Heng Swee Keat Emphasizes Innovation and **Collaboration at World Cities Summit**

At the 9th World Cities Summit, Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat delivered a keynote address emphasizing the importance of innovation and international collaboration for sustainable urban development. DPM Heng highlighted Singapore's commitment to investing in research and technological advancements to tackle urban challenges like climate change and aging populations. He called for greater collaboration across borders, sharing insights from Singapore's initiatives that integrate technology and community-focused solutions to enhance urban living.

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#### Minister for Defence Reaffirms Strong Defence Ties at 21st Shangri-La Dialogue

During the 21st Shangri-La Dialogue, Singapore's Defence Minister, Dr. Ng Eng Hen, met with his counterparts from various countries to reaffirm Singapore's strategic defense relationships. Dr. Ng engaged in in-depth discussions on regional security challenges and the ways to enhance bilateral military cooperation.

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## AUSTRALIA



#### Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for **Defence Meets Singapore's Defence Minister**

Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, Richard Marles, visited Singapore to reaffirm the enduring defence relationship during his meeting with Minister Dr. Ng Eng Hen. Discussions focused on shared strategic interests and the commitment to peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region. Both ministers explored opportunities to deepen military engagements and enhance operational cooperation. the role of defense in fostering regional stability.

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### **ETHIOPIA**



#### PM Lawrence Wong Hosts Official Dinner for Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

Prime Minister Lawrence Wong hosted an official dinner for Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, celebrating the 55th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Ethiopia. The event recognized the longstanding friendship and explored future cooperation opportunities in sectors like agriculture, logistics, and technology.

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# INDONESIA

#### Indonesian President-Elect and Defence Minister Reaffirms Close Ties with Singapore



Indonesia's President-Elect and Defence Minister, Prabowo Subianto, held a significant meeting with Singapore's Prime Minister Lawrence Wong to reaffirm the close bilateral relations. The leaders discussed enhancing cooperation in renewable energy, sustainability, and regional security.

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### MALAYSIA



#### Malaysian Minister for Defence Engages in Bilateral Talks with Singapore

Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin's visit to Singapore included strategic talks with Singapore's Minister for Defence, highlighting the mutual commitment to strengthen military ties and enhance regional security. The discussions covered various aspects of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, showcasing the dynamic and resilient nature of the Malaysia-Singapore relationship. advance peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

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#### Minister for Defence Calls on Timor-Leste President José Ramos-Horta

In a significant bilateral engagement, Singapore's Defence Minister, Dr. Ng Eng Hen, met with Timor-Leste's President José Ramos-Horta. They discussed strengthening the defense cooperation between their countries, with a focus on regional security and bilateral relations. This meeting emphasized the importance of collaboration in addressing common security issues and enhancing the defense capabilities of both nations.

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