

Bolstering US-Singapore ties

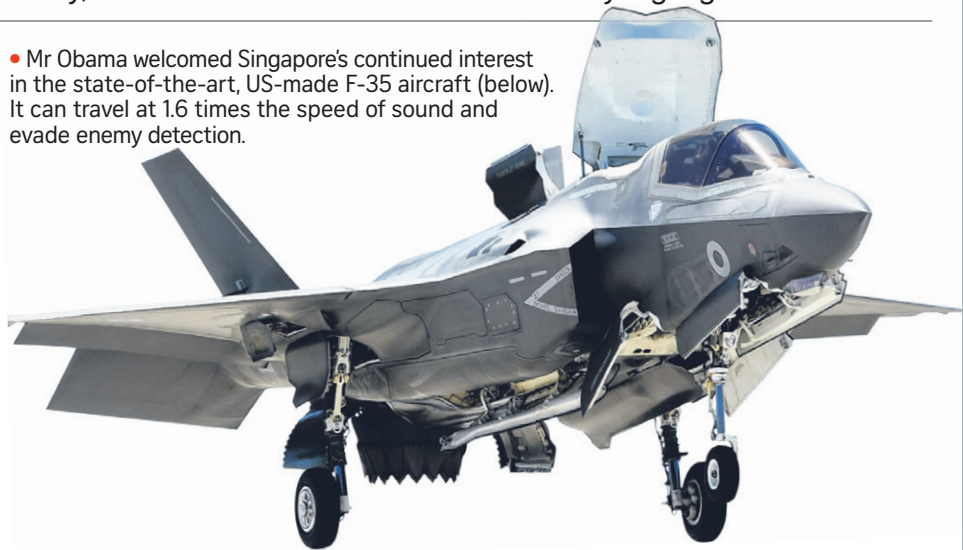
Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong met United States President Barack Obama in Washington earlier this week. A joint statement after their meeting outlines new areas of cooperation in security, economics and education. Here are key highlights:

1 STRENGTHENING MILITARY TIES

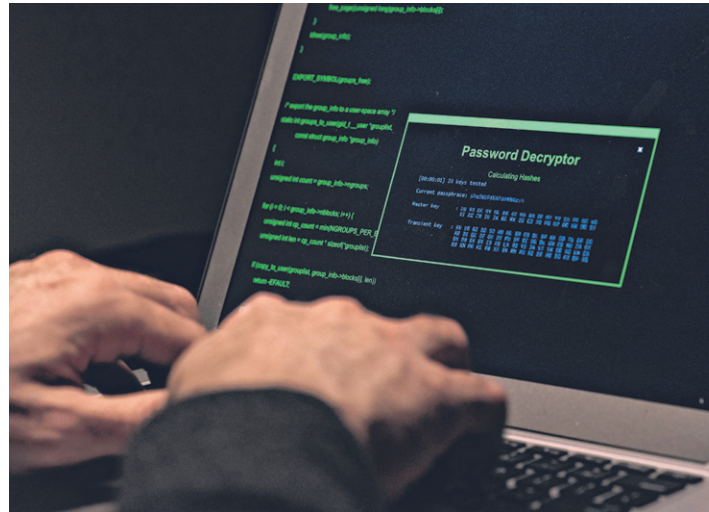


- Both countries will explore opportunities for the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) to train in Guam, a US territory in the western Pacific, with an eye to having a long-term training detachment on the island for Singapore's air force. Guam is home to a number of US air force and navy bases, and is strategically important for the US presence in the Asia-Pacific.

- Mr Obama welcomed Singapore's continued interest in the state-of-the-art, US-made F-35 aircraft (below). It can travel at 1.6 times the speed of sound and evade enemy detection.



2 NEW CYBER-SECURITY INITIATIVES



- A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed to expand cooperation on cyber security.
- It includes deepening information sharing, conducting joint exercises, and developing cyber-security infrastructure.