



Takeaways

A newsletter by RICE



Today: 31°C with a chance of light rain.

Even with our weather, the outdoors isn't so bad.

Whenever we come back from overseas—whether it's somewhere accessible like Bangkok or even as far-flung as London—it's always a bit of a shock to return to the balminess of our island.

Yet, it's the people and places here that truly make venturing out worthwhile. And, honestly, the pure convenience of our public transport system.

This week, our discussions revolved around the outdoors: how these spaces are either becoming more inclusive or exclusive—and how they're sometimes overlooked by a generation captivated by screens.

*P.S. We've also learnt some of you found your way here through your friends. If you haven't already, **subscribe** to our weekly newsletter today!*

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Rarely Void



It's become a common occurrence. Kids play football at void decks; residents complain to the police; Town Councils install physical barriers at void decks.

If this keeps up, we only need to look to its name to determine its fate—that it will indeed live up to its name as an empty space.

**What We Stand To Lose When We
Cannot Stand Void Deck Football**

The Sound of Victory



Soundball Singapore, known to its members as Soundball SG, is taking sight out of the standard equation of tennis.

With blind tennis, they've been providing a space for Singapore's visually impaired to heighten their senses and play ball like never before.

I Play Tennis with My Ears

Screen time



If there's one thing that can symbolise the growing pains of being a millennial, it's that we were the generation that transitioned to screens.

We grew up with TV, we grew up with computers. But it was us who began adapting—however seamless—to the screens we took with us.

As many of us become parents, how are we managing the ways screens can rule the young ones?

**Millennial Singaporean Parents
Speak on Navigating Screen
Time
for Their Kids**

Educational Chaos



What happens when you want to go outside because whatever's happening online just feels too much?

A series of slides for students issued by the Ministry of Education about the ongoing crisis in Palestine has set social media ablaze. Here, we sum up the controversy—and even find out what Singapore's educators personally thought about it.

**'Class Was Chaotic':
Students and Teachers Chime In
on Israel-Palestine CCE Slides**

Post-Presidency, Halimah Speaks

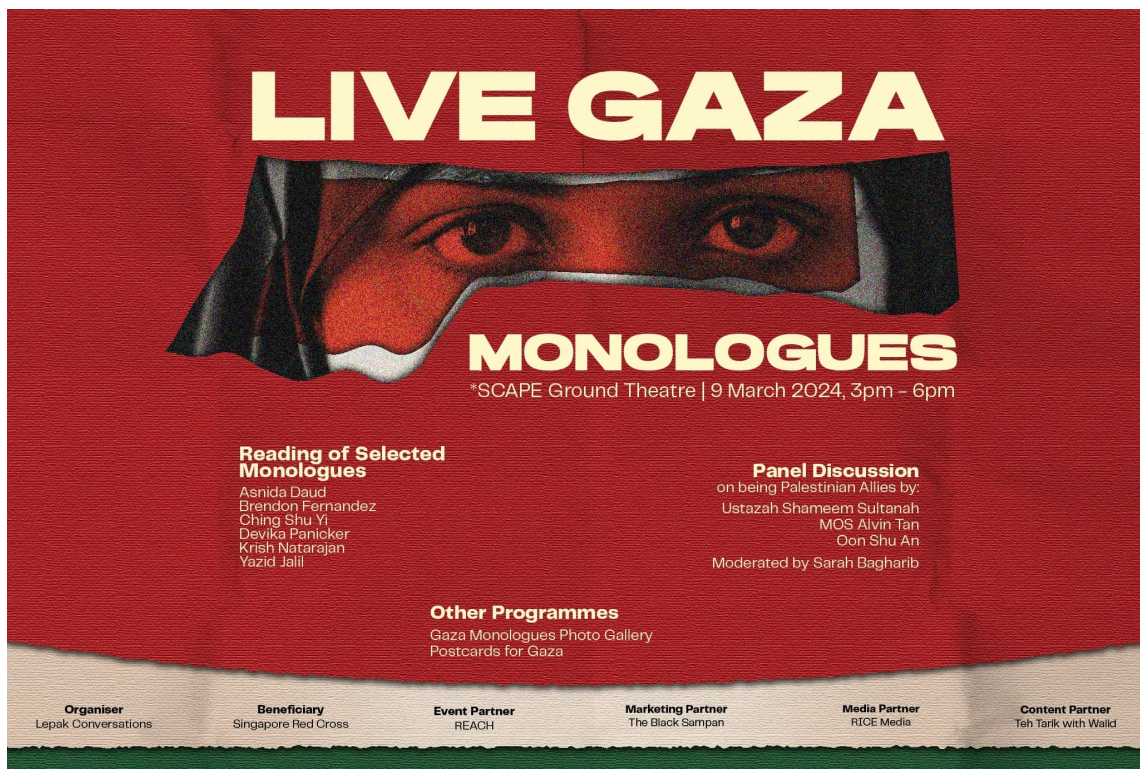


After her presidency, Halimah Yacob has been a certified Facebook poster.
looks at Ho Ching's page No, not like that.

If anything, Madam Halimah has been posting eloquent statement after statement on the atrocities that are currently happening in Gaza. In the face of a supposed neutrality that seems to be widespread in Singapore, her voice has been (surprisingly) refreshing.

**In a Sea of Political Neutrality on
Gaza, Halimah Yacob Stands Out**

What's Cooking?



Since 2010, The Gaza Monologues has stood firmly as an essential document of modern-day atrocities—which have intensified to upsetting degrees in recent months.

RICE Media is proud to be the official media partner for the **Live Gaza Monologues**, which will see several Singaporean artists performing live readings from it at *SCAPE The Ground Theatre on March 9.

The afternoon will also play host to a panel discussion about allyship in solidarity with Palestine, moderated by Sarah Bagharib.

More information and tickets to the event below.

Live Gaza Monologues

Short Grains, or *piping-hot topics by the spoonful.*

- Minister of State for Home Affairs Sun Xueling called out Facebook's parent company Meta for not cooperating enough in Singapore's efforts to

battle social media scams. (via CNA)

- It's Tay-Tay weekend, and sadly, in its six-day, sold-out wake, ticket scams have left over S\$213,000 in losses in the past two months alone. (via CNA)
- In Parliament, Workers' Party MP Gerald Giam raised the possibility of reviewing the monthly allowance of NS servicemen in light of recent increases in cost of living. The response he got is interesting. (via AsiaOne)
- Popular exercise club Ritual Gym has announced the closure of its four branches, citing a 'provisional liquidation' of the company. (via *The Straits Times*)
- In Thailand, its past few years of having a legalised cannabis industry is set to end by December 2024. (via CNA)



The outdoor spaces we have—including our cherished forests—are becoming increasingly scarce. Here's our heartfelt tribute to Clementi Forest, a natural sanctuary we fear may vanish within our lifetimes.

**A Silent Forest is a Dead Forest:
A Guide to Clementi Forest**

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- Unlike Taylor Swift's forthcoming National Stadium residency, there are still some tickets left for K-pop group SHINee's return to Singapore. But, be warned: they'll be playing just next door at the Singapore Indoor Stadium. Plan your travels accordingly.
- Organised by vintage t-shirt connoisseurs Ken Tan and Josh Lee, the exhibition Teenage Angst Has Paid Off Well will showcase some of the most valuable and sought-after merchandise from alternative rock history. If you show up early, you might even be able to snap up a rare t-shirt or two.
- Japanese singer-songwriter Ichiko Aoba returns to Singapore for her stunningly ethereal brand of music. Limited tickets are still available for her show this Saturday at Esplanade Concert Hall.
- Spend a day out at Pasir Panjang Power Station at Block A Festival, headlined by singer-songwriter Ricky Montgomery who's quietly made waves on TikTok.
- Just for kicks, head on down to Sneaker Con 2024. Plenty of fashionable and attractive sneakers up for sale—many of which you won't be able to find at retail outlets here.

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