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Speaker: Mr. N NEDUMARAN
[Author & Military Historian]

Topic: THE SEPOYS OF MALAYA, SINGAPORE & SOUTH EAST ASIA
[18th Century to World War II]

5.30 p.m. Saturday, 19 September 2026

Venue; Madras Management Association
[Seminar Hall No.3, 3rd Floor]
New No. 240 Pathari Road, Off Anna Salai, Chennai 600 006

Please join us for high tea at 5 p.m.

This will be a PowerPoint Presentation with running commentary

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

N Nedumaran is a Singapore-born author and former Curator of the Battlebox War Museum at Fort Canning, Singapore. With many years of experience in the publishing industry, he is also the author of the best-selling book, *The Forgotten Sentinels – The Sepoys of Malaya, Singapore & South-East Asia [The Founding Years: 18th to early 20th Centuries]*; published in 2018, the very first work to cover this topic in S-E Asia.

ON THE TOPIC



For Generations they were there; Ever Present, yet ever Anonymous. From the Founding of Penang in 1786 to the Japanese Invasion of Malaya in 1941.

These were the 'Sepoys': the hundreds of thousands of professional soldiers from the Indian Subcontinent who served throughout the region across three century eras. Trained along the lines of contemporary British military methods, they devoted their lives - often literally - to successive colonial administrations, initially as troops of the English East India Company, and later, the British Indian Army - the largest volunteer army the world had ever seen.

Yet, despite their intimate involvement in various monumental political milestones in the Malay Archipelago, beginning in the 18th century and lasting through WWII and its immediate aftermath, they have steadily faded from the region's collective memory with each passing generation. Join Author N. Nedumaran on a journey back in time, as he pays homage through words and images, to their massive contributions in history.

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