

## Whither the new village: 60-year legacy of the Briggs Plan

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THE British were stumped. How do you fight an enemy that moved like the shadows, with skin and nail that blended with the belukar, and a spirit that mocked death? The communists were proving to be a stubborn lot. It called for a bold plan - quite possibly Malaya's grandest of mega projects - and it had to be executed with little margin for error.

Today we remember it as the [Briggs Plan](#) after its founder, Sir Harold Briggs, a General with the British armed forces.

It was launched 60 years ago on June 1, 1950 as a multifaceted operation to cut off the support and supply network of the Malayan National Liberation Army (MNLA) during the [Malayan Emergency](#). It set out to win the "the hearts and minds" of the rural Chinese and the sprawling pockets of squatters just outside the main urban centres throughout the country. It was also during this period that the Police [Special Branch](#) acquired its reputation as being one of the best undercover intelligence agencies in the world.

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Although the village was 50 years old by the time the Briggs Plan was implemented, it was not a fully planned village. The village was a collection of small, scattered huts and shacks, with no formal layout or infrastructure. The village was a result of the Briggs Plan, which was a government policy to relocate the Chinese population from the old village to a new village. The new village was a planned village, with a formal layout and infrastructure. The village was a result of the Briggs Plan, which was a government policy to relocate the Chinese population from the old village to a new village. The new village was a planned village, with a formal layout and infrastructure.

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The drop in the price of the goods has led to a decline in the number of people who are able to afford them. The new village has been built on the same site as the old one, but the new one is much larger and more modern. The old village was built on a hillside, and the new one is built on a flat area. The new village has a better layout and more facilities than the old one. The old village was built in the 1950s, and the new one was built in the 1960s. The new village has a better layout and more facilities than the old one. The old village was built in the 1950s, and the new one was built in the 1960s.

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The joint pairs in the feet sit with plastic caps on the toes and have a band called a hump cap on their



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