

ASEAN

ASEAN maturing and moving forward***Asian Defence Journal: December 2015, pp. 40 (131)***

27th ASEAN Summit and related summit meetings in Kuala Lumpur. The highlight of the ASEAN Summit was the declaration of set up ASEAN community by 31 December 2015. It will be based on three pillars ASEAN political and security community, ASEAN economic community and ASEAN socio-cultural community.

Regional air force requirements and updates***Asian Defence Journal : Yearbook 2015, pp. 22-29 (131)***

The needs and requirements of the Southeast Asia defence forces grew stronger. Some of the ASEAN countries have recognised the urgency and significant investments are expected throughout 2017.

Asian naval forces requirements and updates***Asian Defence Journal : Yearbook 2015, pp. 3-12 (131)***

Worldwide naval investments in submarines continue to outpace all other procurements. 34 countries procuring or planning to acquire submarines over the next 20 years. China has been focusing on boosting its military force and naval reach. Submarine investment remains popular globally with the Asia Pacific region taking share of the builds and the programmes.

The evolution of the ASIAN century/ Najib Tun Abd Razak***Asia Pacific Defence Forum: Vol.40, Issue. 2, 2015, pp.43-47 (F5)***

This article was the keynote address in Tokyo, Japan to the 20th international conference on the future of Asia attended by political leaders.

BRUNEI

Country and armed forces profiles : Brunei's ministry of defence***Asian Defence Journal : Yearbook 2015, pp. 50-52 (131)***

The article highlights holding on to regional cooperation having built and strengthen defence partnerships with other armed forces in the region and beyond. Hosts Asia Pacific chiefs of defence conference as an annual regional avenue that gives top military leaders the opportunity to come together discuss cooperative matters relating to defence and security.

CHINA

Global South solidarity? China, regional organisations and intervention in the Libyan and Syrian civil wars/ Courtney J Fung***Third World Quarterly : Vol.37, No.1, pp.33-50 (101)***

This article offers conceptual clarity on China's responsiveness to regional organisations regarding intervention. The article makes two broader contributions to how we think about China and regional organisations as part of the Global South on matters of international security. From this article may help explain why China can appear so unresponsive to some regional organisations positions in other recent crises.

China's search for a strategic air force/ Michael S Chase***The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol.39, No.1, February 2016, pp.4-28 (98)***

The PLAAF is moving beyond its traditional focus on territorial air defence and preparing to shoulder a broader set of mission. The article highlights PLAAF leaders and strategies have been urging China to develop a strategic air force for more than a decade. These force modernization programs and related enablers are meant to improve the PLAA's war fighting capabilities and make it a more powerful instrument of deterrence and coercive diplomacy.

China's military strategy white paper : what does it mean for the region/ George Galdorisi***Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter: February 2016, Vol. 42 No. 1, pp.49-52 (9)***

This white paper highlights threats to China's maritime rights, citing, provocative actions of some offshore neighbours, illegal military presences in Chinese territory and outsiders parties involving themselves in South China Sea affairs. In addition to discussing PLAN capabilities and regional threats, the China's military strategy also highlights China's cyber and space capabilities.

Xi Jinping's big power diplomacy and China's central national security commission (CNSC)/ Weixing Hu***Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.25, No. 98, March 2016 pp. 163-177 (102)***

The article examines the CNSCs foreign policy and institutional rational. Many people argued that the timing and way of establishing the CNSCs should be attributed to Xi Jinping's leadership style and the ambition to use it to tighten his grip on power.

CHINA

Installing a safety on the "loaded gun"? Chia's institutional reforms, national security commission and Sino Japanese crisis (in) stability/ Andrew S Erickson

Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.25, No. 98, March 2016 pp.197-215 (102)

The article build on a small but influential literature analyse China's side of bilateral ledger in the context of recent institutional reforms.

Quantitative monitoring of military transformation in the period 1992-2010 : do the protagonists of transformation really change more than other countries/ Iztok Prezelj

Defence Studies : Vol.16, No.1, March 2016, pp.20-46 (105)

This paper fills a gap in current literature by creating and testing model for multidimensional and multilevel quantitative monitoring of military transformation applicable in any country

Rights of passage : rivals prepare for South China Sea adjudication/ Bill Hayton

IHS Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol 28, Issue 3, March 2016, pp. 8 – 13 (123)

The article examines the implications for regional security, amid signs that China may attempt to defuse tension with some claimants.

Eastern promise : Chinese investment spurs action in Balochistan/ Farhan Bokhari

IHS Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol 28, Issue 3, March 2016, pp. 41 – 43 (123)

The article examines the strategic implications of closer economic ties between Beijing and Islamabad for the region

A game of chess? : South China Sea strategic moves/ Grace Jean

IHS Jane's Navy International : Vol.121 Iss.2, March 2016, p.6-8 (123)

The article assess what come next. The reaction to China's territorial claims has been discussed and critised.

CYBERSPACE

The humanitarian cyberspace : shrinking space or an expanding frontier/ Kristin Bergtora Sandvik

Third World Quarterly : Vol.37, No.1, pp.17-32 (101)

This article consists of four main sections the first describes the nature of the humanitarian space as traditionally conceived. The second and third examine some persistent characteristics of humanitarian action. The fourth section revisits the narrative of the shrinking humanitarian space.

DEFENSE SECURITY

Defence & security 2015 : stressing on the power of partnership/ ADJ Team

Asian Defence Journal: December 2015, pp. 34 – 37 (131)

INDONESIA

Threats : to Indonesia's internal security/ Kym Bergmann

Defence Review Asia: January 2016, Vol. 10, No. 1, p.32 (146)

The article highlights the terrorist attack in Jakarta in January 14, it is timely examine the extent to which fundamentalist movements such as Islamic state threaten Indonesia's security.

Law, democracy and the fulfilment of socioeconomic rights : insights from Indonesia/ Andrew Rosser

Third World Quarterly : Vol.37, No.2, pp.336-353 (101)

The paper considers to debate in light of Indonesia's recent experience, how institutional and structural factors interact within particular contexts to shape socioeconomic rights fulfilment not examine factors in isolation. Broadly the debate has pitted institutionalist perspectives which emphasise the role of political regimes and judicial institutions in shaping the scope for right fulfilment against structural list perspectives that focus on the constrains imposed by relationships power and interest.

INTELLIGENCE

Orientalism and intelligence analysis : deconstructing Anglo-American notions of the Arab/ Dina Rezk

Intelligence and National Security: Vol.31, No.2, March 2016, pp.224-245 (99)

This article has sought to reconstruct the challenges the British and American political and intelligence community perceived itself to confront in the Middle East the beliefs and conceptualizations formulated in order to rise to this challenge and the evolution of thought and understanding the Arab.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Commonwealth in the 21st century/ Richard Drayton

Round Table: Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs February 2016, pp.21-27 (100)

The story of the commonwealth might find a new role for itself by returning to its roots as a vehicle for the exploration of the commonweal in particular as a focus of contemporary attempts to democratize the international system?

ISLAMIC STATE

Impediments to fighting the Islamic state : private contractors and US strategy/ Thomas Bruneau

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol.39, No.1. February 2016, pp.120-141 (98)

The argument in this paper the private contractors are a crucial element in the implementation of any strategy to be recognized and integrated into that strategy if it is to be successful.

JAPAN

Japan's new realism/ Michael Auslin

Foreign Affairs: March/April 2016, pp.125-134 (76)

With the return of Shinzo Abe as Japan's President in September 2012, it is observed that there is significant change in Japan's foreign policy. Abe has made several moves to ensure a more stable national security and also in enhancing its regional role responding greatly to rapid changes within the region, in particular the increase in China's power. Despite a strong link in history, Shinzo Abe is making efforts to ensure a more balance of power in the Asia region yet maintaining its relationship with Beijing. His efforts has stirred agreements and disagreements within the Japanese government and its political leaders.

Country and armed forces profiles : Japan's ministry of defence

Asian Defence Journal : Yearbook 2015, pp. 60-62 (131)

The article shows Abe returns to power a new mandate as Japan's prime minister. A new law for foreign engagement, US, Japan new defence guidelines for defence cooperation reflecting Japan's willingness to take on a more robust international role at a time of growing Chinese concerns about nuclear armed North Korea. Shinzo Abe's cabinet approved a record \$812 billion budget for the current fiscal. Easing on arm trade its first ever military trade fair. with a particular focus on maritime security.

LEADERSHIP

The architecture of strategic choice from strong leaders to strong strategies/ Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen

RUSI Journal: Vol 160 No 6, December 2015, pp. 28-32 (127)

This article speaks to the importance of design strategy at the operational level. The focus on decisions inherent in the strong leader paradigm. It argues that strong strategies are based on a cogent response and a coherent narrative that enables the UK government to achieve full-spectrum effort.

LEADERSHIP

A legacy of esprit and leadership/ MGen John A Lejeune

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.100, No.3, March 2016, pp.80-85 (71)

A talk on leadership by Commandant of the marine corps 58 years ago. His message is timeless and proves that in leading men, leadership doesn't change much, only men do.

The art of command/ A. M. Gray

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.100, No.3, March 2016, pp.91-92 (71)

Speeches given by 29th Marine Corps Commandant reflect his views on leadership and the art of command.

LOGISTICS

The global logistics distribution system : the last tactical mile for the war fighter/ Jeremy F Thomas

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol. 100, No.2, February 2016, pp.59-64 (71)

This article will proffer a better understanding of current problems and explore what a more optimized tactical distribution pipeline may provide.

MALAYSIA

Country and armed forces profiles : Malaysia's Ministry of defence

Asian Defence Journal: Yearbook 2015, pp. 67-68 (131)

The article highlights on proposal for ASEAN ready group, army to build more border bases, and first forward sea base and ASEAN defence minister's meeting.

Steering the ship : RMN balances requirements, resources/ Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Navy International : Vol.121 Iss.2, March 2016, pp.10-18 (123)

The article examines the service's approach to tracking both these endeavours amid budgetary constraints and competition. The Royal Malaysia navy is aiming to modernise its force structure and to reshape the country's security landscape.

MIDDLE EAST

War and state formation in Lebanon : can Tilly be applied to the developing world/ Andrew Delatolla

Third World Quarterly : Vol.37, No.2, pp.281-298 (101)

The arguments against applying such theories to the developing world include the concern that this would negate social, culture and political histories that are different from the European experience. In applying Tilly's arguments to the contemporary environment of the developing world here are a number of areas that require further explanation.

MYANMAR

Crucial period as NLD forms new government

Asia Monitor Vol 1:Vol. 27, Issue. 3, March 2016, p.6 , (49)

The process will finalise the departure of the lower house's high profile speaker who was removed from the chairmanship. This will be followed by the election of a new president and finally the introduction of a new government at the beginning of April.

NUCLEAR CRITIQUE

Redemption and Ntopia : the scope of nuclear critique in international studies/ Columba Peoples

Millennium : Vol 44 No 2, January 2016, pp.216-235 165-186 (39)

International studies focuses on nuclear weapons within international order. It has tended to remain largely silent on the issue of civil nuclear power beyond nuclear weapons and the complex imbrication between the two.

PEACEKEEPING

The pieces that make the peace : the micro-processes of international security/ Vanessa Frances Newby

International Peacekeeping: Vol 23, No 1, February 2016, pp.133-157 (96)

This article discusses the micro-processes of peace operations to show how peace and stability can be maintained through small incremental measures employed consistently over time. It argues two factors facilitate the effectiveness of these mechanisms: good coordination between civilian and military actors in a peacekeeping mission.

PHILIPPINES

Uncertainty principle : security issues loom large in Philippine poll/ Maria Harisson

IHS Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol 28, Issue 3, March 2016, pp. 24 – 29 (123)

The article examines the security risks likely to face the incoming president as the country aims to consolidate political stability.

SECURITY

Keeping up with today's cyber reality/ Paul Stokes

Intersec : January 2016, pp.10-12 (69)

This article examines the cybercriminal trends can expect to see 2016 and reveals what organisations can do to protect themselves against emerging threats.

Regendering the military : theorizing women's military participation/ Claire Duncanson

Security Dialogue : Vol.47, No.1, February 2016, pp.3-21 (47)

The article presents a conceptual strategy for considering how feminist theorizing about the gender military nexus can take seriously women's military participation while remaining alert to feminist political goal of gender peace and justice

TECHNOLOGY

The life cycles of cyber threats/ Ben Buchanan

Survival : Vol.58, No.1, February-March 2016, pp.39-58 (106)

The article highlights the vulnerabilities and exploits, techniques and operational concepts. The applicability of life cycle analysis to cyber security is not limited to software vulnerabilities and exploits. It can be applied to specific techniques as well as to broader operational concepts.

TERRORISM

Current developments of counter terrorism efforts in Asia Pacific/ Adlinna Abdul Alim

Asian Defence Journal : Yearbook 2015, pp. 30-33 (131)

The Asia Pacific region have been diligently tackling the terrorism issue through aggressive counter terrorism efforts and legal statutes.

Combating the evolution of ISIS

Asia Pacific Defense Forum: Vol.40, Issue. 3, 2015, pp.10-15 (F5)

The escalation of ISIS proliferation in the world appears to have happened swiftly the group has existed under various names and forms.

UNITED STATES

Why seek international organisation approval under unipolarity? averting issue linkage vs. appeasing congress/ Tefano Recchia

International Relations: Vol.30 No.1 March 2016, pp.78-101 (33)

This article reveals that American leaders do not value multilateral approval primarily to avert negative issue linkage or soft balancing in other policy domains.

VIETNAM

The first surge : the repulse of the Easter invasion in South Vietnam, 1972 implications for Iraq and Afghanistan/ Timothy J Lomperis

Small Wars & Insurgencies : Vol.27, No.1, pp.132-153 (97)

In this article Vietnam with some thoroughness and concentrate on the highlights of Iraq and Afghanistan. Four feature of a surge for this analysis: the military dimensions and strategy of the surging forces, the military dimensions and strategy of the surging forces, the military capabilities of the host forces the political vitality and the political commitment in the domestic politics of the intervener

WARFARE

The future of warfare against Islamic jihadism : engaging and defeating non-state, non -uniformed, unlawful enemy combatants/ Allen B West

Military Review: January- February 2016, pp.39-44 (81)

The article highlights on operational and tactical imperatives, refocusing efforts and redesigning army, and strategic imperatives. Currently the world is focused on the Islamic state in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). How does the United States face unlawful enemy combatant on today's battle field?

The changing face of war : into the fourth generation\ William S Lind

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.100, No.3, March 2016, pp.86-90 (71)

The article highlights about first to fourth generation of warfare. First generation warfare reflects tactics of the era smoothbore musket, the tactics were developed partially in response to technological factors. Second generation warfare was a response to the rifled musket, breech loaders, barbed wire the machinegun and indirect fire. Third generation saw the formal recognition and adoption of the operational art, initially by the Prussian army. Fourth generation is a gold of collapsing the enemy internally.

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