

AFGHANISTAN

Peace in pieces : Afghanistan struggles to maintain integrity

Jan's Intelligence Review: May 2016, Vol.28 Iss.5, pp.20-23 (123)

The article examines the key factors bearing on the country's security and risk outlook

Political guidance or autonomy in peacebuilding? EU police reform in Afghanistan and Kosovo

International Peacekeeping: Vol.23, No.3, June 2016, pp.363-388 (96)

This article identifies two conflicting arguments with respect to institutional designs that effect the performance of peace operations.

ASIA PACIFIC

The global armoured vehicles market

Military Technology: Vol. XL Iss.1 2016, pp.34-37 (38)

The article highlights the ASPAC region growth area for armoured vehicles over the next ten years such as Australia, China, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. The programmes are planned. The vast majority of demand is for tactical trucks, MBTs and APCs.

The defence environment in the Asia Pacific

Military Technology: Vol. XL Iss.2 2016, pp.35-37 (38)

The ASPAC will continue to represent one of the most active defence marketplaces globally.

UAVs spreading their wings : across the Asia Pacific (Part 1)

Defence Review Asia: May - June 2016, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp.10-13 (146)

Asia Pacific is adopting unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) with versatile platforms becoming an essential military component.

ASIAN

Cautious partners : Asian cyber-security alliance remains distant

Intelligence Review: May 2016, Vol.28 Iss.5, pp.52-53 (123)

This article examines the outlook for regional co-operation.

AUSTRALIA

EU-Australia relations : a strategic partnerships in all but name?

Review of International Affairs: Vol.29, No.1, March 2016, pp. 171-191 (93)

This article seeks to critically assess the changing relationship between the EU and Australia from an engagement based on tensions and mutual neglect to one that is increasingly multifaceted with a more purposeful dimensions.

AUSTRALIA

Defending Australia in the digital age : toward full spectrum defence

Defence Studies : Vol.16, No.2, June 2016, pp.157-175 (105)

This paper argues that Australia's underwhelming approach to defence the product of a crippling geographically focused strategy dichotomy with the armed forces historically having been structured to venture afar as a small part of a large coalition force or to combat small regional threats across land, sea and air.

CHINA

Beijing's march West : opportunities and challenges for China's Eurasian pivot

Orbis : Vol.60 No.2 Spring 2016, pp. 296-313 (44)

This analysis argues the policies of the United States and its allies are pushing Moscow and Beijing towards each other and concludes with the wishful assertion that in central Asia at least Russian and Chinese interests overlap in a common interest to ensure social and economic stability

EU diplomacy and the EU-China strategic relationship: framing, negotiation and management

Cambridge Review of International Affairs: Vol.29, No.1, March 2016, pp. 78-98 (93)

The article argues that all three mechanisms exist in a complex balance, and that all three are necessary elements in an evaluation of the EU's approach to any given strategic relationship.

CYBER DEFENCE

The new art of war

Military Technology: Vol .XL Issue. 4 2016, p.16-19 (38)

The article highlights frameworks, policy and problem. Governments that prioritise the development of coherent cyber policy frameworks understand that are necessary in order to advance digitally. Pan European activities, China is making headway by centralising the coordination of government cyber agencies and continuing to produce relevant cyber legislation. Cyber mission force to be ready in 2018.

CYBER WARFARE

Studies highlight gap in Australia's preparedness for cyber warfare

Australian Defence Magazine: May 2016 Vol.24 No.5, pp.42-44 (61)

This article presents and discusses studies that highlighted Australia's lack of preparedness for cyber war. It suggests the responsibility of cyber security does not just lie in the hands of an IT department but rather the whole nation be it the government or the industry sector. Successful cyber-attacks that have happened includes the energy and electricity sectors which is seen to be crippling to a nation.

CYBERTERRORISM

Terror from behind the keyboard : conceptualising faceless detractors and guarantors of security in cyberspace

Critical Studies on Terrorism: Vol 9 No 1, April 2016, pp. 33-53 (112)

This article uses a discourse analysis approach on the basis that discourse functions to produce social and political actors authorised to speak and act. To develop securitisation theory's articulation of the dichotomy between legitimate and illegitimate violence as it is reflected in British government policy.

INDONESIA

Indonesian navy revamps its primary naval platforms

Defence Review Asia: May - June 2016, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp.26-28 (146)

Naval platforms will be one of the keys to turning Indonesia into a global maritime axis by taking advantage of Indonesia's vast archipelago which stretches from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific with untapped marine resource.

JAPAN

On the rise : Japan's defence industry is reshaping itself to meet international opportunities

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: 8 June 2016, Vol.53 Iss. 23, pp.26-31 (122)

Japan defence's industry at the outset of a period of major transformation in response to shifting requirements.

Korea enduring equipment sets : from theory to practice

Army Sustainment: May - June 2016, p. 42-45 (74)

The eighth army implemented Korea enduring equipment sets to save millions of dollars in transportation costs.

LEADERSHIP

On strategic leadership

The US Army War College Quarterly Parameters: Vol. 45, No. 4, Winter 2015-2016, pp. 75 - 79(83)

An interview with General Petraneus to obtain his views on strategic leadership.

LOGISTICS

Three fundamental ideas that are the essence of military logistics

Army Sustainment: May - June 2016, p. 6 (74)

A framework logisticians can use to guide critical decisions about tactics, capabilities, development, policies and strategies. The article highlights stored energy , the fulfillment and geologistics.

The structure, operations and challenges of army medical centres logistics division

Army Sustainment: May - June 2016, p. 46-51 (74)

This article provide an overview of the structure, duties, procedures and challenges found in the logistics divisions of fixed facility army medical centres.

MALAYSIA

Challenges for maritime intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance.

Meeting Requirements of the Malaysia armed forces

Evolving links : the defence equipment relationship between Malaysia and Turkey

Military Technology: Vol.XL Issue 4, 2016, p.33, pp.34-37, pp.38-40 (38)

Spotlight on Malaysia.

Five scenarios for change

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 :Vol.27, Issue 6, June 2016 , p.1-3 (49)

This article highlights Najib fully consolidates power as opposition flounders. 2) PM resigns amid a peaceful handover 3) Najib goes down fighting but successor ensures fallout is limited and 4) PM's resignation sparks racial riots and the economy suffers.

MILITARY MEDICINE

A systematic review of the prevention and treatment of prescription drug misuse

Military Medicine: Vol.181 Iss.5 May 2016, pp.410-423 (72)

A study on how current military strategies in the United States align with clinical guidelines in the management of prescription drug misuse. In its conclusion, it highlights that there is little guidance to directly support the handling of this matter and with that stresses that more effort needs to be in place to ensure proper management of prescription drugs.

MYANMAR

Financing war of facilitating peace? : the impact of rebel drug trafficking on peace negotiations in Colombia and Myanmar

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.39, No 6, June 2016, pp. 542-559 (114)

This article compares attempts at conflict resolution in Colombia and Myanmar focusing on the impact drug trafficking.

PAKISTAN

FATA : exploring the Punjabi militant threat to Pakistan

Terrorism and Political Violence : Vol. 28, No.1, January-March, No 2, April- June 2016, pp.49-71 (116)

This article provides a historical overview of the militant milieu in the process of briefly reviewing the robust literature on Pakistani militancy. The article recounts the evolution of the jihadist insurgency in Pakistan paying particular attention to the impact on the involvement of Punjabi's militants.

PHILIPPINES

From rebels to rulers : the challenges of transition for non-state armed groups in Mindanao and Myanmar

Critical Asian Studies: Vol 48 No 2, June 2016, pp.168-192 (95)

This article examines how ethnic armed groups in the southern Philippines and Myanmar (Burma) navigate the transition from armed resistance to recognized governance authority through negotiation of ceasefires and participation in emerging peace processes.

CHINA

Russia's Asia Pivot: engaging the Russian Far East, China and Southeast Asia

RSIS Working Paper: No. 297, 17 May 2016, pp. 1 - 17 (DA) (F31)

The article looks at the 2016 Russia-Asia Summit, Sochi; its political agenda includes the factors that triggers the dialogue, namely Pivot to Asia policy and the confrontation with the West. The article also captures the Russian Far East which aims to expand Russia into the Asia Pacific through China.

SEA POWER

Sea power and Baltic sea

The Naval Review: Vol.104, No.2, May 2016, pp.165-167 (42)

The aim of the paper is to examine contemporary sea power in and around the Baltic sea, to look at it from outside and from inside.

SINGAPORE

The US-Singapore strategic partnership for the next century

Military Technology: Vol. XL Iss.2 2016, p.25 (38)

Singapore's belief that the US presence in the ASPAC is a force for peace and stability remains a key tenet of the US-Singapore bilateral relationship. The entire ASPAC is certainly more integrated and globalised.

Defence for and from Singapore

Military Technology: Vol. XL Iss.2 2016, p.26-30 (38)

The article highlights improving Singapore's maritime and aerial surveillance capabilities. Meeting the challenge of terrorism and Singapore-US relationship. US-Singapore cooperation as a deterrence to any nation contemplating military hostilities towards Singapore as given the close partnership.

SOUTH CHINA SEA

A South China Sea game changer?

Proceedings US Naval Institute: April 2016, pp.56-62 (86)

A favorable Philippine ruling is expected in the coming months and could invite further and potentially legal challenges against China from the claimants of Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei.

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

Unmanned aerial systems in the land environment

Australian Defence Magazine: May 2016 Vol.24 No.5, pp.32-33 (61)

A brief article on the use of unmanned aerial systems in Australia's Army and its development. It narrates about the incorporation of these systems in the Army's operations.

VIETNAM***Vietnam diversifies deterrent options***

Military Technology: Vol. XL Iss.2 2016, p.40-41 (38)

The article highlights the country's defence capabilities.

Vietnamese submarines - a potent force

Defence Review Asia: May - June 2016, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp.14-17 (146)

Vietnam among the top five largest customers of Russian weapons. The Vietnamese order is one of the recent examples where the time spent on making the principle decision, choice of developer, supplier, vendors and service providers, preparation of all necessary documentation.

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