

AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan : security likely to continue to deteriorate/ Alex Barnes

Afghanistan is facing reduced US troop levels and a resilient insurgency in 2017. Following a review of the security environment, President Trump will maintain a force level of around 8,400 or order a modest increase of US forces back to 10,000.

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 4, 25 January 2017, p.24 (122)

ARTILLERY

Asia's artillery renaissance/ Stephen W Miller

Artillery is experiencing a revolution in platform design, ordnance and fire control. Technology has enhanced and expanded the capability and roles of this restored.

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 2, April 2017, pp.6-11 (60)

ASEAN

Silent service of Asean waters/ Chen Chuanren

One third of the world's oil and over a quarter of the world's trade pass through the waters of South East Asia. Underwater operations in South East Asia present different sets of challenges for both submarines and anti-submarine operators.

Defence Review Asia :May-June 2017, Vol. 11, No. 3, pp.10-13 (146)

Naval modernization in Southeast Asia : under the shadow of army dominance/ Gregory Vincent Raymond

This article examines the cases of Thailand, Indonesia, and Myanmar to demonstrate how their armies became dominant and how this may have diminished the growth prospects of navies.

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 39, No. 1, April 2017, pp.149-177 (19)

ASIA PACIFIC

Naval directory 2017/ Alix Valenti

A number of concerns are pushing Asia-Pacific navies to modernise and where possible expand fleets. These developments have therefore contributed to increasing concerns from the countries that continue to maintain ongoing disputes with the PRC in the region chiefly Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia and Philippines, the republic of China and Vietnam in South China Sea.

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 3, May 2017, pp.20-31 (60)

AUSTRALIA

Surface ship defences against underwater threats/ Geoff Slocombe

Australia's current maritime strategy depends in part upon the Navy's ability to execute manoeuvre warfare in the forward deployed, often littoral, environment using expeditionary forces for surveillance, peace enforcement peace keeping and humanitarian aid/disaster response.

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : May 2017, Vol.43, No.4, pp.18-19 (9)

BRUNEI

Brunei Darussalam in 2016 : the Sultan is not amused/ Dominik M Muller

Brunei continued in 2016 to suffer from declining oil and gas prices.

Asian Survey: Vol.57 No.1, January/February 2017, pp.199-205 (12)

CHINA

China in Pacific regional politics/ Denghua Zhang

This article focuses on China's impact on Pacific regional politics partly from the perspective of identity politics.

Round Table: Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs : Vol, 106, No 2, April 2017, pp.197-206 (100)

China reorganises 84 corps-level units/ Gabriel Dominguez

The new structure will have 'a profound influence on meeting the targets of enhancing the military in a new situation and building world class armed forces'

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 17, 26 April 2017, p.16 (122)

Overlapping securities : China reorients strategic military intelligence/ Peter Mattis

The article analyses the impact of the reforms and considers the outlook for China's intelligence apparatus.

Janes Intelligence Review: Vol 29, Issue 4, April 2017, pp.8-15 (123)

China's maritime trap/ Wei Zongyou

This article highlights on China's policy in the East and South China seas has estranged its relations with most of its neighbors,

The Washington Quarterly: Spring 2017, Vol.40 No.1, pp.167-184 (108)

What do Chinese really think about democracy and India?/ Devin K Joshi

This study's analysis of Chinese perceptions of democracy and India during the world's largest election reveal several things, first Chinese mass media there is massive censorship of democracy as a topic.

Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.26, No. 105, May 2017, pp 385-402 (102)

CHINA

Conceptualizing China and India's transforming strategic force postures under the essentials of minimum deterrence/ Zafar Khan

The article examines the conceptualization of minimum deterrence doctrinal use of deterrent forces and the modernization of strategic forces though the perceptual aspects of three imperatives may differ between two nuclear states.

Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.26, No. 105, May 2017, pp 403-418 (102)

CHINA

Troubled waters/ Alan Warnes

Maritime surveillance is an important requirement for most countries with interests in the South China Sea. The ongoing geopolitical situation in the region and as a whole and the most nations need to keep an eye on their neighbours.

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 3, May 2017, pp.42-44 (60)

CUBER DEFENCE

LM focuses on intelligence-led cyber defence/ Huw Williams

The article highlights on the constantly changing and increasingly sophisticated cyber threat landscape requires a proactive approach to defending against attacks.

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: April 2017, Vol.50, p.29 (120)

Cyber defence/ Anthony Tucker-Jones

The interview with Kevin Woollard and operations director BT research & technology, discussing the latest developments in cyber security

Intersec: May 2017, pp.26-28 (69)

CYBER TERRORISM***Tackling cyber-terrorism : balancing surveillance with counter-communication/ Marek Palasinski***

The article analyses the online challenges posed by such groups pointing out how they might be potentially hampered by combining the currently dominant online surveillance with marginalized cyber counter-communication.

Security Journal : Vol 30, No 2, 2017, pp.556-568 (48)

CYBER WARRIORS***In search of cyber warriors/ Gerrard Cowan***

The article highlights on cyber recruitment is a high priority for the US army and training does not follow traditional military approach.

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: May 2017, Vol.50, pp.30-32 (120)

CYBERTERRORISM***Unpacking cyberterrorism discourse : specificity, status, and scale in news media constructions of threat/ Lee Jarvis***

The article argues that constructions of specificity, status and scale play an important yet hitherto under explored role within articulations of concern about the threat posed by cyberterrorism

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 2, Issue. 1, February 2017, pp.64-87 (26)

INDONESIA***Amphibious assault/ Yulian Ardiansyah***

Examining future development of Indonesian military's amphibious warfare capability

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.24, March 2017, pp.26-28(130)

INDONESIA***The Trump presidency and Indonesia: challenges and opportunities/ Evi Fitriani***

This article discusses some of the salient implications of the Trump presidency for Southeast Asia's largest country Indonesia.

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 39, No. 1, April 2017, pp.58-64 (19)

Indonesia approves acquisition of five A400Ms for USD2 billion/ Ridzwan Rahmat

The acquisition is a significant step in the air force's modernisation efforts.

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 4, 25 January 2017, p.4 (122)

JAPAN***Australia and Japan strengthen military co-operation/ Julian Kerr***

Australia and Japan have signed an acquisition and cross servicing agreement to facilitate closer bilateral defence logistics support and co-operation during activities combined exercise, training and peacekeeping operations.

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 4, 25 January 2017, p.8 (122)

MALAYSIA***Malaysia in 2016 : sharpening political fault lines/ Anthony Milner***

In 2016, Prime minister overcame challenges that many predicted destroy him.

Asian Survey: Vol.57 No.1, January/February 2017, pp.173-179 (12)

MALAYSIA

Upgraded potential : new acquisitions and planned upgrades will enhance the combat capability of Malaysian armed forces/ Atul Chandra

The upgrade focuses on the self-protection systems and mission planning and debrief systems. The new systems will enhance the operational capabilities of the aircraft allowing them to perform missions in a high threat environment

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.24 March 2017, pp.10-11 (130)

Malaysia tightens its belt/ Dzirhan Mahadzir

Given Malaysia's ongoing fiscal limitations and the continuing depreciation of the national currency.

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 2, April 2017, pp.36-42 (60)

MARITIME SURVEILLANCE

Into the deep/ Tamir Eshel

The article highlights the maritime surveillance is key to naval dominance. The effective maritime surveillance requires extensive coverage of large ocean areas, Surveillance by manned aircraft designed for maritime patrol and surveillance are suited for long and routine surveillance missions over sea. The elevated mast naval vessels

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.24, March 2017, pp.20-24 (130)

MYANMAR

China and Myanmar hold first joint exercise naval exercise/ Anthony Davis

An important milestone in the projection of Chinese naval power into bay of Bengal and the Indian ocean region, Naval exercise marked a good sign of co-operation based on mutual political trust.

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 22, 31 May 2017, p. 17 (122)

NORTH KOREA

Getting tough on North Korea : how to hit Pyongyang where it hurts/ Joshua Stanton

The United States and South Korea have tried to convince North Korea to abandon its nuclear aspirations.

Foreign Affairs : Vol. 96, No. 3, May/June 2017, pp. 65-75 (76)

Details emerge of North Korean C41 systems/ James Bingham

Details have emerged of North Korean C41 developments following a United Nations investigation into a Malaysian-based company used by North Korea to sell defence equipment abroad.

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: May 2017, Vol.50, p.6 (120)

Aggressive defence/ Masashi Murano

North Korea disregarding international opinion and seemingly intent on showing off its military might, Japan is left with no choice but to take precautionary action and strengthen the regional BMD network.

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.24, March 2017, pp.14-17 (130)

Would more sanctions sway North Korea?

North Korea's ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs is bringing renewed urgency to efforts to pressure Pyongyang to return to denuclearization negotiations before it tests a nuclear capable intercontinental ballistic missile.

Arms Control Today: Vol. 47 No. 3, April 2017, pp.23-25 (5)

NORTH KOREA***North Korea parades newest missiles/ Markus Schiller***

The North Korean regime recently paraded a number of new missile systems to demonstrate its growing military capabilities.

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 17, 26 April 2017, pp.34-35 (122)

North Korean killing in Malaysia stirs diplomatic row

Malaysian authorities have charged two women with murder in relation to the death of the half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un

Janes Intelligence Review: Vol 29, Issue 4, April 2017, p. 5 (123)

Shooting range : North Korea ups pace of ballistic missile launches/ Nick Hansen

The article surveys the country's programme and analyses the possible motivations for the acceleration in testing.

Janes Intelligence Review: Vol 29, Issue 4, April 2017, pp.48-51 (123)

PHILIPPINES***Duterte orders military to secure Manila's unoccupied islands and reefs in the SCS/ Gabriel Dominguez***

Duterte has ordered the military to deploy to and fortify all of the country's unoccupied islands and reefs in the disputed South China Sea (SCS) to assert jurisdiction over the area.

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 16, 19 April 2017, p.17 (122)

SINGAPORE***Instructing the infantry/ Claire Apthorp***

The Asia Pacific region has a huge variety of armies resulting in no 'one size fits all' regarding how they are trained.

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 2, April 2017, pp.24-27 (60)

NORTH KOREA***Once, twice, three times independence/ Philip Tay***

The Republic of Singapore navy's (RSN's) RSS independence has been patrolling Singapore's waters for five decades in three different ships.

Pioneer: May 2017, pp.22-25

Doing more with less/ Alix Valenti

Singapore's armed forces increasing regional security concerns and declining national birth rates. The modernisation of the armed forces hinges upon multimission platforms, networked soldiers and robotics.

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 3, May 2017, pp.32-34 (60)

SOUTH CHINA SEA***China, Vietnam agree to manage differences on South China Sea/ Gabriel Dominguez***

China and Vietnam have pledge to manage their maritime differences. Both sides agreed to avoid any actions that may complicate the situation and escalate tensions and safeguard the peace and stability of the South China Sea.

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 4, 25 January 2017, p.16 (122)

The myth of Chinese sanctions over South China Sea disputes/ Angela Poh

This article is organized into three sections. The first revisits the Scarborough Shoal incident between China and the Philippines in 2012, the second section reviews the dispute between China and Vietnam in 2014 and the third section argues that the media and to some extent academic discourse have responded to China's assertive posture regarding the South China Sea.

The Washington Quarterly: Spring 2017, Vol.40 No.1, pp.143-165 (108)

SOUTH KOREA***World : the negotiator/ Charlie Campbell***

Moon Jae-In is set to become president of South Korea and he wants to talk.

Time: Vol 189, No.18, 15 May 2017, pp. 32-35 (135)

South Korea's rise in comparative perspective/ Xiaobo Hu

South Korea has had a distinctive rise in status in the international order, relying on gains in all major components of national power economic, military, political and societal.

Asian Perspective: Vol.41 No.1, 2017, pp. 3-15 (11)

The US pivot to Asia and South Korea's rise/ Balbina Y Hwang

The article discusses on external factors have shaped South Korea's, security transformation, internal factors have been just as important drivers of South Korea's foreign policy.

Asian Perspective: Vol.41 No.1, 2017, pp. 71-97 (11)

Peacekeeping and counterpiracy : a comparative analysis of South Korea's contributions to international peace and stability/ Terence Roehrig

South Korea's contributions to UN peacekeeping and maritime security with those of Australia, China and Japan

Asian Perspective: Vol.41 No.1, 2017, pp. 121-146 (11)

SOUTHEAST ASIA***Roundtable : the Trump presidency and Southeast Asia/ Ian Storey***

The modest expectation from the roundtable is for others to build on the works of the regional experts assembled by forging ahead with their own critically-informed analysis of the prognostic linkage between the Trump presidency and Southeast Asia.

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 39, No. 1, April 2017, pp.1-64 (19/DA)

US security relations with Southeast Asia in the Trump administration/ Catharin Dalpino

The article highlights on the ultimate challenge in crafting US security relations with Southeast Asia lies within the Trump administration itself.

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 39, No. 1, April 2017, pp.3-8 (19)

TERRORISM***Recalibrating deterrence to prevent nuclear terrorism/ Robert S Litwak***

The article proclaimed that the terrorist group was seeking to pull off something truly epic. Terrorist groups like al-Qaeda and ISIS remain intent on acquiring a nuclear weapon.

The Washington Quarterly: Spring 2017, Vol.40 No.1, pp.55-70 (108)

Product fraud and product counterfeiting as a source of terrorist financing/ John Spink

Countering the financing of terrorism discussed that the terrorist usually fund their operations based on convenience and stealth.

Security Journal : Vol 30, No 2, 2017, pp.640-645 (48)

UNITED STATES***The United States and Asia in 2016 : challenges in the region and on the home front/ Bates Gill***

US relations in Asia during the year of President Obama. The US administration made a concerted effort in 2016 to bolster the standing ASEAN and further build US ties to Southeast Asia.

Asian Survey: Vol.57 No.1, January/February 2017, pp.10-20 (12)

VIETNAM***Japan to provide six patrol vessels to Vietnam/ Gabriel Dominguez***

Japan will provide six patrol vessels to Vietnam as part of a loan offered to the Southeast Asian country. The two countries will further strengthen security and defence co-operation .

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 4, 25 January 2017, p.17 (122)

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