

ASEAN

North Korea threat: how should ASEAN respond?/ David Han

RSIS Commentary: 15 May 2017, No 094 (F31)

Although ASEAN should be concerned about the North Korean threat given the grave security implications to the wider Asia-Pacific region, ASEAN should be mindful of its actual *raison d'être* to avoid distorting its credentials and relevance in relation to the Korean Peninsula crisis.

Strengthening ASEAN-US relations: Korean Peninsula as conduit?/ Shawn Ho, et.al

RSIS Commentary: 02 May 2017, No 083 (F31)

Much attention has been paid to how the recently concluded 30th ASEAN Summit in Manila has dealt with the South China Sea disputes. Now is perhaps the time for ASEAN to strengthen its regional security credentials by paying more attention to the challenge on the Korean Peninsula.

ASIA-PACIFIC

Forewarned is forearmed: - Asia Pacific AEW Programmes

Defence Review Asia: Jul-Aug 2017, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp.27-29 (146)

The Asia-Pacific region has some of the largest fleets of airborne early warning (AEW) aircraft in the world, as regional tensions compel countries to keep an eye on their neighbours and invest in these force multiplying assets.

BRITISH ARMY

The impact of Islamic radicalism/ Henry Beeching

British Army Review: No. 169 Spring/Summer 2017, pp.109-114 (15)

The aim of this article is to highlight how the benefits of a religion and its people can be used in successfully countering those who would seek to corrupt it for their own means and analyses how important an understanding of the evolution of Islamic radicalism is to the British army.

BRUNEI

The abode of peace

Asian Geographic: No 126, issue 4 2017, p. 60 (59)

Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Hassanal Bolkiah. The Brunei sultanate has its origins in the late 14th century.

CHINA

China develops 'ultra-fast interceptor'/ Gabriel Dominguez, et.al

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 23, 07 June 2017, p.8 (122)

China has reportedly developed an 'ultra-fast' anti-missile interceptor. The new weapon is likely to be part of an ABM system.

Beijing plans underwater monitoring system in East and South China seas/ Gabriel Dominguez, et.al

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 23, 07 June 2017, p.16 (122)

China has approved a USD293 million underwater monitoring system. The system will cover the disputed East and South China seas.

Intercepting waves / Andrew Tate

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol 29, No. 7, July 2017, pp. 24-29 (123)

As China is expanding its naval intelligence collection, the author assesses the country's growing capabilities in the context of its focus on the military operations of potential regional adversaries, including the US.

China's cybersecurity policy: security or protectionism?/ Adam Palmer

RSIS Commentary: 28 April 2017, No 081 (F31)

China's upcoming national cybersecurity policy addresses security incidents, but also raises new challenges and concerns for global businesses operating in China.

Questionable influence/ IAPD Forum

Indo-Asia Pacific Defence Forum: Vol 42, No. 2, 2017, p.28-33 (F5)

China's checkbook diplomacy and latest means of gaining political support may compromise sovereignty in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region

CYBER

Defence's cyber security benefits from industry support/ Geoff Slocombe

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : July-August 2017, Vol.43, No.6, pp.54-55 (9)

The ADF now has a joint capabilities group (JCG) that is intended to provide capability and services to the RAN Australian Army and RAAF. Responsible for managing raise-train-sustain functions of the ADF's critical joint capabilities and military enablers.

Measuring military cyber power/ Nigel Inkster

Survival : Vol.59, No.4, August-September 2017, pp.27-34 (106)

Understanding how and why cyber capabilities are developed and deployed is becoming a critical element in determining the power dynamics between states

Singapore integrates C4 and cyber defence operations with new command/ Kelvin Wong

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: August 2017, Vol.50, p.27 (120)

C4 and cyber defence operations ensure the availability and security of SAF military networks, tightly integrating them under a single command allows the SAF to better harness operational synergies between network and cyber defence operations and optimise resource by centralising common functions.

CYBERCRIME

Caught in the world wide web: the lure of online terrorist propaganda/ Andy Oppenheimer

Military Technology: Vol XLI, Issue 7-8 2017, p.60-63 (38)

Alongside the rise in terrorism, most notably violent jihadism, online recruitment and propaganda is undergoing its own disturbing revolution. How terrorists disseminate their messages, recruit operatives and self-starter cells and conduct propaganda is done mainly - although by no means exclusively or entirely - on the internet and through social media.

CYBERSECURITY

When is a cyber attack an act of warfare?/ Gerrard Cowan

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 29, 19 July 2017, p.30-32 (122)

Cyber operations are now a key element of modern warfare and an increasing focus for militaries around the world. This article examines whether a cyber attack can ever justify a military response, what form it could take, and what would be needed for it to happen.

DEFENCE STRATEGY

Russia, Indonesia to sign Su-35 deal in 2017, report says/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 24, 14 June 2017, p.20 (122)

Moscow will sign a contract with Jakarta this year for the supply of Sukhoi Su-35 'Flanker-E' multirole fighter aircraft to the Indonesian Air Force (Tentera Nasional Indonesia-Angkatan Udara: TNI-AU), the TASS news agency reported on 6 June.

INDONESIA

Indonesia to ink SU-35 deal/ Vladimir Karnozov

Defence Review Asia: Jul-Aug 2017, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp.13-17 (146)

After years of negotiations, Indonesia is expected soon to ink major deals with Russia - the most important being that for the Sukhoi Su-35S multirole fighter. Other likely contracts will be awarded to shipbuilders, rotorcraft and ammunition manufacturers.

ISIS

ISIS in East Asia: strategic shifts and security implications/ Jasminder Singh, et.al

RSIS Commentary: 11 May 2017, No 090 (F31)

As the Philippines battles with militant groups in Mindanao, ISIS supporters have reimagined the area as "Wilayah Asia Timur" as part of ISIS' strategic shift in East Asia. ISIS terrorists in Southeast Asia may revert to crime and banditry as part of their so-called jihad.

JAPAN

From management crisis to crisis management? Japan's post-2012 institutional reforms and Sino Japanese crisis (In) stability/ Adam P Liff

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 40, No. 5, August 2017, pp. 604-638 (98)

This article assesses the reforms significance for ameliorating Japan's long standing internal crisis management weakness and enhancing its ability to communicate with Beijing.

Understanding Japan's role in securing the Western Pacific/ Peter D Fromm

Military Review : July-Aug 2017, pp. 75-83 (81)

The article highlights the future normalization of Japan and the clue in the United States-Japan security alliance.

KOREA

Extending operational sustainment in Korea/ Michel M Russell

Army Sustainment : July - August 2017, pp. 23-25 (74)

U.S forces Korea and the Republic of Korea are using distribution hubs with air terminal supply points and area distribution centers to meet their operational sustainment goals on the peninsula.

LEADERSHIP

The deputy: enhancing command in the twenty-first century/ Anthony King

RUSI Journal: April/May 2017 p.44-51 (127)

The British Army has traditionally been skeptical about the role of deputy commanders. However, on recent operations, deputy commanders have played an increasingly important executive role. This article examines why they have become more important and analyses the deep cultural reasons that explain why the British Army has been slow to embrace the concept of the deputy commander.

MALAYSIA

Interview: Zailani Safari, Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian Technology Depository Agency/ Jon Grevatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 28, 12 July 2017, p.34 (122)

In this article interview, Mr Zailani Safari highlights that Malaysia's Industrial Collaboration Programme (ICP) policy is likely to be adapted in future years to reflect trends in offset and countertrade activities in order to position the collaboration approach at the forefront of Malaysia's industrial development programme.

MARITIME POLICY

Need for more inclusive Asia-Pac maritime diplomacy/ Jane Chan, et.al

RSIS Commentary: 15 May 2017, No 093 (F31)

The International Maritime Review 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN). But it also attests to the maturing maritime diplomacy in Southeast Asia that contributes to a rules-based maritime order in the wider Asia-Pacific.

MARITIME SECURITY

Beyond the shoreline/ IAPD Forum

Indo-Asia Pacific Defence Forum: Vol 42, No. 2, 2017, pp. 35-37 (F5)

Coast guards across the Indo-Asia-Pacific increase partnerships and see their prominence rise as countries expand their roles in regional security

MIDDLE EAST

Dangerous neighbours/ Peter Felstead

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 30, 26 July 2017, p.28-32 (122)

After the ceasefire that brought the 1973 Arab-Israeli War to an end, Israel's border with Syria and Jordan in the Golan Heights became the Israel Defense Force's (IDF) quietest sector. As this article reports however, the Syrian civil war and the rise of the Islamic State changed all that.

MISCELLANEOUS

Occupational stress in the ED: a systematic literature review/ Subhashis Basu, et.al

Emergency Medicine Journal : Vol 34 Issue 07, July 2017, pp.441-447 (25)

Occupational stress is a major modern health and safety challenges. While the ED is known to be a high-pressure environment, the specific organisational stressors which affect ED staff have not been established.

the human rights report as discursive genre : evolving discourses in human rights activism in Myanmar/Burma 1988-2011/ Camilla Buzzi

Alternatives : Vol 41 No 4, November 2016, pp.214-230 (1)

A case study of Myanmar where activists adopted the international discourse of human rights in their struggle for democratic political and social change almost three decades ago, and examines the impact of decision for the resistance against military rule.

NATO

Improved information sharing key for NATO cyber ops/ Huw Williams

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: July 2017, Vol.50, pp.27 (120)

NATO does not yet need a cyber Command but requires better sharing of information among members in the near term, according to military commanders and organisation officials at the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre Of Excellence's (CCD COE's) International Conference on Cyber Conflict (CyCon) in Tallinn, Estonia.

The future of NATO/ Beth Stevenson

Military Technology: Vol XLI, Issue 7-8 2017, p.23-25 (38)

NATO's purpose as to safeguard the security of its member states and prevent conflict in Europe and further afield, has evolved since its post-WW2 establishment, but fundamentally it is carrying out this role as much as ever. This article takes a look at recent developments.

NORTH KOREA

North Korea tests 'Scud' missile with manoeuvrable RV/ Gabriel Dominguez, et.al

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 23, 07 June 2017, p.6 (122)

North Korea has test-fired a new MaRV-equipped short-range ballistic missile. The country had previously tested what appears to have been its Pongae-5 (also known as KN-06) surface-to-air missile (SAM) system.

No good options on North Korea/ Philip Elliott

Time: Vol 190, No.4, 24 July 2017, pp. 8-9 (135)

The article highlights on military attack, economic pressure and direct diplomacy.

North Korean cyber support to combat operations/ Scott J Tosi

Military Review : July-Aug 2017, pp. 43-51(81)

The article highlights North Korean military strategy, North Korean cyber organization and solutions to counter North Korean cyber capabilities.

SINGAPORE

RSS independence class : the RSN's next generation warships/ Guy Toremans

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.IV, 2017, pp.58-60 (41)

The Republic of Singapore navy's (RSN) patrol vessels play a prominent role in the surveillance and protection of Singapore's territorial waters, the sea lines of communications (SLOC) and the nation's key maritime installations and infrastructure. The article highlights an interview with head of Singapore Littoral mission vessel project.

SINGAPORE

Singapore details to leopard 2SG MBTs/ Kelvin Wong

IHS Jane's International Defence Review:
August 2017, Vol.50, p.8 (120)

The Singapore armed forces is continuing to improve the combat effectiveness of its fleet of ex-bundesweir leopard 2A4 main battle tanks with new capabilities with the most recent addition revealed to be a commander's panoramic sighting system.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

The policy value of quantitative atrocity forecasting models/ Sascha Nanlohy, et.al

RUSI Journal: April/May 2017 p.24-32 (127)

It is time to integrate quantitative atrocity forecasting more directly and systematically into the foreign policy processes of middle and major powers interested in preventing these terrible but all too common events. This article analyses the potential utility of relatively reliable mid-to-long-term forecasts, using a number of examples to illustrate the main points.

TERRORISM

The Maute Group: new vanguard of IS in Southeast Asia/ Joseph Franco

RSIS Commentary : 31 May 2017, No.107 (F31)

Skirmishes in the southern Philippine city of Marawi highlight the emergence of the Maute Group (MG) as a potential new magnet for other IS-inspired militants in Mindanao. Manila must act swiftly to contain and defeat IS-inspired militants in central Mindanao lest a protracted conflict increases Mindanao's attractiveness as a hub for foreign terrorist fighters.

Terror in Finsbury Park: copycat retaliation or cumulative radicalisation?/ Cameron Sumpter

RSIS Commentary: 21 June 2017, No 122 (F31)

A dangerous cycle of reciprocal provocation between far-right and Islamist extremists has emerged in the United Kingdom in recent years. The latest terrorist attack in London may represent an escalation of this dynamic.

UNITED KINGDOM

Countering radicalisation in UK: how to "uplift" the prevent scheme/ Romain Quivoij

RSIS Commentary: 20 June 2017, No 121 (F31)

The recent attacks that struck Manchester and London have called the attention to the alleged shortcomings of the Prevent scheme. Does the cost of the British counter-radicalisation strategy outweigh its benefits?

Which new initiatives should be launched first?

ISTAR firmament/ Tim Ripley

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 27, 05 July 2017, p.22-27 (122)

The UK's airborne intelligence, surveillance, targeting, acquisition and reconnaissance (ISTAR) platforms constitute an increasingly important capability. This article examines the status of the country's ISTAR assets and charts their future evolution.

UNITED STATES

American reflections on the engagement with China and responses to President Xi's new model of major power relations/ Suisheng Zhao

Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.26, No. 106, July 2017, pp 489-503 (102)

This article investigates US responses to President Xi Jinping's new model of major power relations in the context of American reflections on the engagement policy towards China.

US says China is likely to build more overseas bases/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 24, 14 June 2017, p.8 (122)

China is likely to build more overseas bases, according to the US Department of Defense (DoD). The bases would support increasingly extended People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) deployments.

UNITED STATES

USN aims for information warfare 'Top Gun'/ Gerrard Cowan

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: July 2017, Vol.50, pp.27 (120)

The US Navy (USN) plans to develop the 'Top Gun' of information warfare through its new Naval Information Warfighting Development Centre (NIWDC) aiming to build subject matter expertise in a range of areas within the field.

Trump & Modi: seeking a global partnership?/ Walter C Ladwig III, et.al

RSIS Commentary: 23 June 2017, No 125 (F31)

The visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Washington DC provides an opportunity for the US and India to set aside some of the uncertainties that have set into the relationship. President Trump and Prime Minister Modi must be ambitious and spell out a vision befitting a global partnership.

Hit to kill/ Daniel Wasserbly

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 27, 05 July 2017, pp.28-31 (122)

The US homeland missile defence network, called the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system, has scored its first ever intercept against a simulated intercontinental ballistic missile as the programme recovers from a difficult test record.

The rebalance to Asia under Trump/ Patrick Cullen

RUSI Journal: April/May 2017 p.8-15 (127)

Attempts to predict the future shape of President Donald Trump's defence policy in the Asia-Pacific are a challenge at best. Nevertheless, in this article, it argues that in contrast to early assumptions that he would initiate a more isolationist defence policy and break with the previous administration's Rebalance to Asia policy, Trump is more likely to adopt to hawkish enforcement of the policy's key defence objectives.

US detention policy towards ISIS : between a rock and a hard place cElizabeth Grimm Arsenault

Survival : Vol.59, No.4, August-September 2017, pp.109-134 (106)

The United States resort to torture in responding to past terrorist threats raises questions about how the country will deal with captured members of the Islamic state.

UNMANNED VEHICLES

Unmanned aerial vehicles in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations/ Beth Stevenson

Military Technology: Vol. XLI, Issue 7-8 2017, pp.66-67 (38)

This article sheds light on a number of developing technologies being applied to UAVs currently used in support of these deployments, building on technology already integrated onto these platforms to enhance the ISR capability of the aircraft.

VIETNAM

Inroads into Indochina/ Jon Grevatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 27, 05 July 2017, p.28-31 (122)

Vietnam is gradually providing more opportunities for non-traditional military suppliers. Although entrants face numerous challenges, the country is regarded as one of Asia's most-promising defence markets.

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