

ASEAN**The ASEAN institute for peace and reconciliation and its role in preventing crisis/ Elizabeth P Buensuceso***UN Chronicle**Volume LIV No.3, 2017, October 2017 pp.32-33 (51)*

The ASEAN AIPR is the institution of the Association of Southeast Asian nations for research activities on peace conflict management and conflict resolution. It highlights in preventing crises and examine the issue in practical, albeit indirect, terms.

Japan's hard and soft power in ASEAN/ Yee-Kuang Heng*RSIS Commentary:**27 December 2017, No 242 (F31)*

The Japan self-defence forces (JSDF) has become more visibly engaged in ASEAN. Japan's soft power potential encompasses its ability to provide joint solutions to shared challenges.

Russian - American relations : what impact on ASEAN/ Chris Cheang*RSIS Commentary:**29 January 2018, No 014 (F31)*

ASEAN values its current relationship with the US and Russia on all fronts. It also places a premium on its ability to make decision on its own based on the merits of the cases.

Enhancing ASEAN's competitiveness : the skills challenge / Phidel Vineles*RSIS Commentary:**12 January 2018, No 006 (F31)*

The challenges on the skills from vary widely among ASEAN countries. ASEAN celebrate 51st anniversary, greater efforts should be done to improve the regions labour productivity. Skills development prioritised to realise ASEAN's economic vision of experiencing a productivity driven growth

ASIAN**Korea's misguided external behaviors and security dilemma in East Asian power dynamics/ Man Hee Lee***The Journal of East Asian Affairs:**Vol 31 No.2, Fall/Winter 2017, pp.33-36 (35)*

The paper explores what gives rise to a considerable opportunity cost and how to reduce it in Korea's security dilemma. Korea's misguided external behaviors with disregard over power dynamics have accumulated a considerable opportunity cost.

AUSTRALIA**Land 129 phases 2, 3 and 4 : army unmanned aerial systems/ Geoff Slocombe***Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter :**February 2018, Vol.44, No.1, pp.32-33 (9)*

The Australian defence force first started to use unmanned aerial systems (UAS) operationally when army and air force units were deployed to Afghanistan in operation slipper 2001-2014. This article will look at some of the UAS operational experience gained in the Middle East as well as current developments in choosing the systems through project LAND 129.

CHINA**China expands short-range maritime ISR capabilities/ Andrew Tate***Jane's Intelligence Review:**Vol.30, Issue 2, February 2018, pp.32-37 (123)*

China's growing long-range surveillance capabilities are being complemented by an increase in shorter-range platforms and sensors. In the second part of a series on China's capabilities in this area, this article examines Beijing's tactical maritime intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities.

CHINA

China's "guam express" and 'carrier killers" : the anti-ship asymmetric challenge to the U S in the Western Pacific/ James Samuel Johnson

Comparative Strategy:

Vol.36, No.4, 2017, pp.319-332 (113)

The article argues that the development and diffusion of asymmetric precision strike weapons have in important ways intensified U S- China security dilemma dynamics

Taiwan and China : a geostrategic reassessment of U S policy/ Martin Mitchell

Comparative Strategy:

Vol.36, No.5, 2017, pp.383-391 (113)

United States policy needs readjusting to align with contemporary realities and future trends, which includes finding a balance between its one China policy and following the people of Taiwan a significant in their future.

CYBER

Give a cyber-edge to the warfighters/ Ramberto Torruella

Proceedings US Naval Institute :

January 2018, pp. 58-62 (86)

The navy learned its lessons well from the actions around Suvo. Operations research analysts determined that the ships that performed the best in the Solomon's campaign were those that successfully merged information from their radar, navigation and gunfire plots.

We are losing the cyber war and its mostly our fault/ David Gewirtz

The Journal of Counter Terrorism & Homeland Security International : Vol.23, No 3, 2017, pp.8-9 (29)

The growth in cyber threats is exploding nearly exponentially. Whether it's malware advanced persistent threats, breaches distributed denial of service attacks or any of the other forms of cyber based nastiness.

CYBER

Cyber deterrence and critical infrastructure protection : expectation, application and limitation/ Alex Wilner

Comparative Strategy:

Vol.36, No. 4, 2017, pp.309-318 (113)

This article draws on classical deterrence theory to illustrate how the logic of deterrence applies to cyber security, policy and strategy

Cyber power and cyber effectiveness : an analytic framework/ Robert Jake

Comparative Strategy:

Vol.36, No. 5, 2017, pp.426-436 (113)

This article proposes a theoretical framework to evaluate state actors cyber power and cyber effectiveness. It builds on the existing literature on military effectiveness which is defined as the process by which armed forces convert resources into fighting power.

Cyber threats : 2018 and beyond/Foo Siang– tse

RSIS Commentary:

26 January 2018, No 013 (F31)

The article highlights on hacking and shadow economy, evolve to stay ahead and need for comprehensive strategy. Cyber security requires a comprehensive approach that goes beyond the chief information security or head of information technology. Effective cyber security is not about keeping up with the cyber security products arms race.

ISIS

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Foreign Policy:

January 2017, pp.8-9 (66)

Islamic state is using Iraq's black market to stockpile millions of dollars to fuel its coming insurgency/ Renad Mansour

ISIS

Blurred lines/ Lilly Chapa*Security Management:**December 2017, pp.20-22 (92)*

The article highlights on ISIS tactics. Terrorism (START) a leading resource for global terrorism research and attack data has designated four classifications for ISIS related terrorism.

ISIS

Caliphate gone but the war continues/ Vladimir Karnozov*Defence Review Asia:**February 2018, Vol. 12, No. 1, pp.8-11 (146)*

The rise of ISIS against the background of obvious misalignment between the superpowers Middle East policies had indeed been damaging for Washington and Moscow's reputations. This article examines the events that took place from March 2017 through to January 2018.

MALAYSIA

Mother of all elections 2.0 : new crossroads in Malaysia politics?/ Yang Razali Kassim*RSIS Commentary:**11 December 2017, No 232 (F31)*

Malaysian politics reached a climax. UMNO the backbone of the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition went into battle mode to face the impending general election. Will UMNO returned to power or be replaced for the first time?.

MALAYSIA

A small state's foreign affairs strategy : making sense of Malaysia's strategic response to the South China Sea debacle/ Adam Leong Kok Wey*Comparative Strategy:**Vol.36, No.5, 2017, pp.392-399 (113)*

This article traces Malaysia's foreign affairs strategic history during some of the most precarious days of the cold war to explain its contemporary strategic choices and logic in the midst of great power rivalries in the Southeast Asia region.

Inventing Malaysian democracy : Najib's tales and stories/ Sophie Lemiere*Harvard International Review :**Vol.XXXIX, No 1, Winter I 2018, pp. 40-44(67)*

Malaysians are in the limbo of political transition and the tales and stories of Najib Razak and his predecessors are no longer soothing their traditional constituencies. The 14th general election sets the stage for all protagonists in this story, whether they be dictators, saviors or reformists and presents another opportunity to re shape Malaysian history.

Singapore - Malaysia ties : what lies ahead in the psot -KTM era/ Yang Razali Kassim*RSIS Commentary:**19 January 2018, No 010 (F31)*

The most productive bilateral threats between Singapore and Malaysia. Significant progress was achieved pushing ties to a new level. How will the agreements be effected by the upcoming Malaysian general election?

MIDDLE EAST**Israel raises alarm over advances by Hizbullah and Iran/ Nicholas Blanford and Jonathan Spyer***Jane's Intelligence Review:**Vol.30, Issue 2, February 2018, pp.8-11 (123)*

Although an Israel-Hizbullah conflict triggered by developments in southern Lebanon remains probable in the longer term, a potential new front is also opening in southwestern Syria as Iran and its proxies move closer. This article assess whether a wider regional conflict is in the making.

Rump Islamic State poses ongoing threat in Syria/ Tim Ripley*Jane's Intelligence Review:**Vol.30, Issue 2, February 2018, pp.18-21 (123)*

The fall of the Syrian cities of Abu Kamal and Raqqa in late 2017 marked the end of the Islamic State's self-declared 'caliphate'. In the aftermath of the group's defeat, this article examines the fate of its leaders and fighters in Syria.

The Islamic republic of hysteria/ Stephen M Walt*Foreign Policy:**January 2017, pp.3-6 (66)*

The article highlights Trump administration's Middle East strategy revolves around a threat that doesn't exist. Trump and his aides appear to have embraced the view that Iran is a potential hegemon poised to dominate the Middle East and specifically to control the oil rich Persian Gulf.

NAVAL**Subsurface overhaul: India's submarine modernisation inches forward/***IHS Jane's Navy International:**Vol.123, Issue 01, January/February 2018, p.55-57 (124)*

Against a challenging backdrop, the Indian Navy is in the process of reshaping its depleted submarine fleet into a larger, more modern, and more capable force. This article reports on progress to date.

NAVY**Naval design, knowledge - based complexity, and emergent design failures/ Colin P F Shields***Naval Engineers Journal :**Vol 129 No 4, December 2017 pp.75-86 (40)*

This paper moves towards that capability by proposing to model design as a knowledge-based complex system. The paper concludes with a discussion of how current practices can be improved and the future work required to make their improvement.

NEPAL**Why "I" became a combatant : a study of memoirs written by Nepali Maoist combatants/ Khagendra Acharya***Terrorism and Political Violence : Vol. 29, No.6, November-December 2017 pp.1006-1025 (116)*

Examine how social relationships and contextual factors contributed to political party identification during the ten year long Maoist insurgency in Nepal.

NORTH KOREA**Trump seeks more pressure on North Korea**

Arms Control Today:

Vol. 47 No. 10, December 2017, pp.28-29 (5)

The U S president Donald Trump urged North Korean leader to negotiate over the country's nuclear program. Moon confirmed that Seoul and Washington reached a final agreement to eliminate the payload limit on South Korean ballistic missile.

Russia's interest in North Korea crisis/ Chris Cheang

RSIS Commentary:

12 December 2017, No 233 (F31)

Russia is the country that can help resolve the North Korean nuclear crisis. The prevention of an outbreak of hostilities and introduction of durable stability are in the interests of the international community.

The prospects for U.S. - DPRK relations and U.S. - ROK coordination on the North Korean policy/ Park Jong Chul

The Journal of East Asian Affairs:

Vol 31 No.2, Fall/Winter 2017, pp.1-11 (35)

North Korea's nuclear and missiles development are expected to pose a direct threat to the U.S security in the near future. South Korea needs to be preemptively prepared on its policy considering various scenarios of U.S - DPRK relations.

Why North Korea won't give the worst WMD to terrorist/ Ashley Hess

The Journal of East Asian Affairs:

Vol 31 No.2, Fall/Winter 2017, pp.91-97 (35)

Republic of Korea (DPRK) has disavowed support of terrorism has engaged in a wide variety of illicit and illegal activities in order to provide support for the country's underdeveloped economy including working with illicit non state actors and supporting terrorist groups.

NORTH KOREA**Behind North Korea's olive branch : an alternative view / Graham Ong Webb**

RSIS Commentary:

5 January 2018, No 002 (F31)

North Korea leader Kim Jong - Un's conciliatory gestures towards South Korea are a welcome move. It will continue ballistic missile and warhead testing in 2018.

PHILIPPINES**Analysing label, associations and sentiments in twitter on the Abu Sayyaf kidnapping of Viktor Okonek/ Joseph Anthony**

Terrorism and Political Violence :

Vol. 29, No.6, November-December, pp.1026-1044 (116)

This article investigates twitter data related to the kidnapping case of two German nationals in the southern region of the Philippines by the Abu Sayyaf group (ASG)

SOUTH KOREA**Scenarios - Catalan crisis casts shadow over Spain in 2018/ Dr Laurence Allan**

Jane's Intelligence Review:

Vol.30, Issue 2, February 2018, pp.8-11 (123)

Spain is facing its greatest constitutional crisis since the restoration of democracy as it struggles with secessionist forces in Catalonia. This article examines scenarios for the evolution of the crisis.

SOUTHEAST ASIAN

**Southeast Asian jihadi leaders in the post Marawi/
Bilveer Singh**

RSIS Commentary:

16 January 2018, No 007 (F31)

The article highlights a major factor to the continued presence of various jihadi groups in Southeast Asia and the world at large is their ability to quickly regenerate their leaderships following the killings of their leaders in counter terrorism operations.

TERRORISM

Terrorism & Insurgency, Data Digest, JTIC Global Attack Index - November 2017

Jane's Intelligence Review:

Vol.30, Issue 2, February 2018, pp.14-15 (123)

Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre presents its Global Attack Index, a monthly summary of worldwide attacks by non-state armed groups, collected from open sources.

**Terrorism & Insurgency, Militant web watch,
Monitoring militant activity online - December 2017 to
January 2018**

Jane's Intelligence Review:

Vol.30, Issue 2, February 2018, pp.16-17 (123)

Jane's examine online activity by militant groups during December 2017 to January 2018, as activists and supporters reacted to international events. Excerpts are sourced from a range of social media platforms.

**Theorizing the expansion of the Boko Haram insurgency
in Nigeria/ Suranjan weeratne**

Terrorism and Political Violence : Vol. 29, No.4,

July- August 2017 pp.610-634 (116)

Militant activity has expanded in terms of frequency and severity of attacks geographic scope, target selection and strategies used. This article investigates the dramatic expansion of the Boko haram insurgency in Nigeria.

TERRORISM

**Leadership matters : the effects of targeted
killings on militant group tactics/ Max Abrahms**

*Terrorism and Political Violence : Vol. 29, No.5,
September- October 2017 pp.830-851 (116)*

This study build on research program by examining the impact of targeted killings on militant group tactical decision making

VIETNAM

**Old guard falls as Vietnam's anti-corruption
drive rolls on/ Bill Hayton**

*Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.30, Issue 2,
February 2018, pp.38-41 (123)*

Purges of the old guard in 2017 have consolidated power in Vietnam around CPV General-Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong. This article examines the challenges facing the leadership as it balances control with economic liberalisation.

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