

ASEAN

**ASEAN centrality, sustainable security and a closer plus/
H B Warimann**

Asian Defence Journal : July - August 2019, pp.4-5 (131)

This article highlights that a joint declaration on sustainable security was announced by defence ministers of the ASEAN countries. Furthermore six initiatives were adopted in order to strengthen defence and security cooperation in the regions to counter any threats.

ASEAN-Plus countries in maritime security training exercise

ADJ's Training & Simulation: Vol 12, Issue 2, April - June 2019, p.3 (132)

The article highlights that the naval forces from ASEAN countries as well as their partners are teaming up in a series of multi-national exercises with the purpose of tackling any maritime threats.

DSA 2020: stepping up into a new era of defence

ADJ's Training & Simulation: Vol 12, Issue 2, April - June 2019, p.15 (132)

The article highlights that the world's leading edge technologies, systems, hardware and electronic warfares was demonstrated during the Defence Services Asia 2020 exhibition. The aim of the exhibition was to act as a platform in order to bring together various major players in defence and security industry as well as from government agencies.

Largest ever US, Philippines exercise Balikatan amidst tensions

ADJ's Training & Simulation: Vol 12, Issue 2, April - June 2019, pp.18-19 (132)

The land forces of the United States, the Philippines and small number of Australian personnel held bilateral military exercises in order to enhance their skills and abilities.

ASEAN

**ASEAN sceptics versus ASEAN proponents:
evaluating regional institutions/ Richard Stubbs**

The Pacific Review: Vol.32, No.6, November 2019, pp. 923-950 (103)

The article discusses the definition of ASEAN from different perspectives; the sceptics and proponents. It also discusses the importance of the establishment of ASEAN to its member states.

ASIA PACIFIC

The great dictators/ Frank Dikotter

History Today: Vol 69, No. 10, October 2019, pp.66-77 (78A)

In an age of democracy, people are supposed to be sovereign and select their leader through an election. However dictators opt to seize power by organising a coup or by rigging the system by relying on military forces, a secret police, a praetorian guard, spies, informants, interrogators and torturers. Millions of people told to believe in the cults of Hitler, Stalin and Mao.

Asia Pacific - new challenges and new solutions?/ Richard Gardner

Defence Review Asia: October 2019, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp.34-36 (146)

The article looks at the move made by China as a countermeasure from the activities made by Western power that worries all Asia Pacific nations. With the pace and the scale of the move made by Chinese military, it causes Asia Pacific nations to start pushing back.

AUSTRALIA**Smooth sailing assured/ Tim Fish**

Military Technology: Vol. XLIII, Issue 9, 2019, pp.110-112 (38)

This article highlights on the Royal Australia navy has an increasing level of commitments in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

AVIATION**Noise exposure and hearing impairment in air force pilots/ Per Muhr, Ann-Christin Johnson, Jenny Selander, Eva Svensson and Ulf Rosenhall.**

Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance: Vol 90, No. 9, September 2019, pp. 757-763 (62)

This research demonstrates the relationship in noise exposure and hearing impairment for military pilots.

Anticipated negative emotions effect on incident involvement among civil pilots/ Hongwei Wang, Quan Xu, Can Yang, Xiong You and Ming Ji.

Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance: Vol 90, No. 9, September 2019, pp. 774-781 (62)

It is believed that the result of an increase in the number of aviation incident was resulted from human factors. Hence this article discusses the relationship between anticipated negative emotions (ANEs) and incident involving civil pilot with the case study of Chinese civil pilots.

Preflight risk assessment for improved safety in helicopter emergency medical service operations/ Bryan B Aherne, Chrystal Zhang, Won Sun Chen and David G. Newman.

Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance: Vol 90, No. 9, September 2019, pp. 792-799 (62)

The aim of the study was to develop predictive risk assessment for pilots in decision-making process that will enable them to accept or reject a flight.

BRUNEI**Royal Brunei Armed Forces modernisation boost/ Adlinna Abdul Alim**

Asian Defence Journal : July - August 2019, pp.6-8 (131)

This special report focuses on RBAF and its key role as Brunei's security institution in providing the country a secure and peaceful environment especially it is RBAF's 58th year since inception.

CAMBODIA**Hun Sen to deepen ties with Beijing**

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 : Vol.30, Issue 10, October 2019, pp.15-16 (49)

The article highlights the diplomat pivot is part of a broader effort by Hun Sen to tighten his grip on power but concerns over a Chinese military presence in Cambodia could stoke geopolitical tensions in the region.

CHINA**Relations with China : perspective of defense/ Andy B Anderson**

Marine Corps Gazette: Vol.103, No.9, September 2019, pp.80-82 (71)

This analysis from the perspective of defense discusses concerns and recommends causes of action regarding the current state of the U.S. - China relations. A rising China strives for both regional and global hegemony through its expansionism and military modernization.

CHINA

PRC turns 70: five elements of its grand strategy/ Benjamin Ho

RSIS Commentary : No 192, 30 September 2019 (F31)

As the People's Republic of China prepares for its 70th birthday on 1 October, the issue of its grand strategy will be closely watched by political observers. To this end, both domestic and international objectives must be taken into account if we are to obtain a better understanding of what Beijing's strategic intentions might be.

Joint integrative solutions for combat casualty care in a Pacific war at sea/ Dion Moten

JFQ : Joint Force Quarterly : 3rd Quarter 2019, Issue 94, pp.54-63 (79)

The article highlights regional stability in the Pacific theater is a national security priority complicated by unique components threatening US expeditionary forces, such as China's rise a global competitor possessing multidomain access capabilities.

A Chinese dawn over the Persian Gulf/ Yossef Bodansky

Defense & Foreign Affairs Strategic Policy: No.9, 2019, pp. 4-8 (22)

This article highlights that China is now making its move in the Persian Gulf especially with the ongoing dispute between US and Iran.

War, with and without the media: Beijing and New Delhi each tackle critical information dominance challenges/ Gregory R. Copley

Defense & Foreign Affairs Strategic Policy: No.9, 2019, pp. 13-16 (22)

This article highlights the current domestic issues - Hong Kong in the case of China and Kashmir in the case of India are only creating distractions and having the risk of impairing its prestige, credibility and trustworthiness among its neighboring countries.

CHINA

Extract from the Annual Report to congress 'military and security developments involving the People's Republic of China 2019'

Military Review : September-October 2019, pp. 30-33 (81)

This is an extract from the annual report that addresses the current course of military-technological development of the People's Liberation Army which includes their security and military strategy, military organizations and operational concepts for the next 20 years.

Competing with China for a free and open Indo-Pacific/ Rober B. Brown, R. Blake Lackey and Brian G. Forester.

Military Review : September-October 2019, pp. 34-41 (81)

Due to China's advancement in technology which includes its military and economic factors, this has created an international competition with other nations; in this case over the free and open Indo-Pacific.

Contemporary China/ Timothy L. Faulkner

Military Review : September-October 2019, pp. 42-54 (81)

This article highlights that China has been in competition with the United States especially with China's economic growth and their military capabilities will ensure the U.S-China conflict over the next two decades.

CHINA

A Chinese fox against an American hedgehog in cyberspace?/ Kimberly Orinx and Tanguy Struye de Swielande

Military Review : September-October 2019, pp. 58-67 (81)

This article highlights how China is developing as a cyber superpower as they grasp the importance of 'soft' means. As a result this has created a threat to the United States as well as other Western countries.

Identifying windows of opportunity within China's rise/ Axel Dessein

Military Review : September-October 2019, pp. 68-81(81)

This articles highlights China's strategy into becoming great-power status politically and economically.

China's One Belt, One Road initiative and its international arms sales/ James Daniel

Military Review : September-October 2019, pp. 96-110 (81)

The article highlights China's policy of One Belt, One Road (OBOR) which at first aimed at enhancing China's trade and investment with other countries. Over the years, China started to use this initiative to strengthen their military and defense.

Reluctant guerrillas in early nineteenth century China: the White Lotus insurgents and their suppressors/ Yingcong Dai

Small Wars & Insurgencies: Vol. 30, No.4-5, July-August 2019, pp. 750-774 (97)

The article highlights the White Lotus war that broke out between the insurgents and the government who have more military advantages than the insurgents. Despite all the advantages, the government forces had to adapt to guerrilla warfare as the insurgents were resilient and very quick in adapting to the guerrilla warfare.

CHINA

General Zuo's counter-insurgency doctrine/ Kenneth M. Swope

Small Wars & Insurgencies: Vol. 30, No.4-5, July-August 2019, pp. 937-967 (97)

The article looks at the biography of one of the man who brought China to success in the mid-nineteenth century and how he came to power despite his background.

Creation of the Asian infrastructure investment bank as a part of China's smart power strategy/ Emine Akcadag Alagoz

The Pacific Review: Vol.32, No.6, November 2019, pp. 951-971 (103)

The article looks at the strategy used by China in order to gain more power as they have all the means in order to achieve their target.

Right target; wrong tactics: the trump administration upends East Asian order/ T.J. Pempel

The Pacific Review: Vol.32, No.6, November 2019, pp. 996-1018 (103)

United States' current president Donald Trump started a tariff war against Asia's global power, China. Many were concerned as this tactics could be a wrong move as China is considered to be a leader in the economic activities. Being China's allies could bring greater advantages in so many ways.

CHINA

Renegotiating pariah state partnerships: why Myanmar and North Korea respond differently to Chinese influence/ Jonathan T. Chow and Leif-Eric Easley.

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.40, No.3, July 2019, pp.502-525 (104)

The article looks at the relationships between Myanmar and North Korea with China despite their status as pariah state. With China's economic advancement, even pariah countries like Myanmar and North Korea are able to see the importance of building an ally with China although the paths in which they take are vary.

The navy needs agile mine warfare/ Ryan Hilger

Proceedings US Naval Institute: October 2019, pp.36-41 (86)

The article highlights that with China's current maritime strategy, the United States Navy would not be able to fight against China's navy in terms of mine warfare. The U.S will need to change their strategy and use different approach capabilities in order to compete against China.

CLIMATE CHANGE

UN climate action summit: unlocking the Paris Agreement/ Sharon Seah

RSIS Commentary : No. 181, 16 September 2019 (F31)

Article 6 is referred to as the 'market article'². In many respects, Article 6 is the most important piece of the Paris Agreement because it provides a framework for international cooperation that allows businesses and the private sector to play a key part, alongside governments, in helping countries meet their Nationally Determined Contributions [outlining long-term plans to reduce emissions and to adapt to climate change].

CYBER

Collaborating to succeed/ Victor Acin

Intersec: September 2019, pp.30-32 (69)

The article reveals time to socialise with cyber security. Socialising cyber security will help turn the tables on the black hats. Attackers increasingly appear to have the upper hand over white hats. It provides an endless source of hacking tools, stolen data and other resources. More information is being stored, processed and generated online.

DISASTERS

Assessing the impact of household participation on satisfaction and safe design in humanitarian shelter projects/ Aaron Opdyke

Disasters: Vol.43, Number 4, October 2019, pp.926-954 (23)

This study analysed shelter projects implemented in the Philippines following typhoon Haiyan in 2013 to identify the forms of participation in the planning, design, and construction

INDONESIA

Indonesia's South China Sea diplomacy: a foreign policy illiberal turn?/ Dave McRae

Journal of Contemporary Asia: Vol.49, No. 5, December 2019, pp.759-779 (107)

This article highlights Indonesia's diplomacy in South China Sea including its maritime claims as they wanted to establish and maintain their control over South China Sea waters. Indonesia faced challenges as there were other powers that claimed its control over these waters including China, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines. As a result in order to maintain its control over the contested waters, the Indonesian government has to pursue through diplomatic, military and economic strategies.

INDONESIA

Reshuffling the deck? Military corporatism, promotional logjams and post-authoritarian civil-military relations in Indonesia/ Evan A. Laksmana

Journal of Contemporary Asia: Vol.49, No. 5, December 2019, pp.806-836 (107)

This article explains the structure of the Indonesian military post-Suharto era. The current military called the Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) have control over their organisational expansion, personnel promotion and budget.

After Jokowi's First Term - Moving the nation's 'Keraton': a Javanese perspective/ Sigit S. Nugroho

RSIS Commentary : No. 174, 5 September 2019 (F31)

President Joko Widodo has just announced his plan to move the capital Jakarta to East Kalimantan. The Javanese cultural lens might provide the key to understand his motivation for such a move.

INSURGENCY

Why a nineteenth-century study?/ Mark Lawrence

Small Wars & Insurgencies: Vol. 30, No.4-5, July-August 2019, pp. 719-733 (97)

The article looks at the importance of studying the history of the nineteenth-century insurgencies on a global scale by looking at the patterns, the similarities, connections and linkages.

JUNGLE WARFARE

Dry run

Soldier October 2019, pp.34-41

The article highlights the British army's new skills of exercising in Jordan's desert and in jungle warfare including in the Bruneian jungle.

LEBANON

Bordering on a solution/ Robert G Rabil

The National Interest : September-October 2019, No 163, pp.59-65

The article highlights the United States has deftly capitalized on the rising tension in the region the threat of war and the delicate existing economic and political dynamics to pursue quietly a channel of diplomacy with Israel and Lebanon.

MALAYSIA

Are Malaysia's reformers up to the task/ Gaiik Cheng Khoo

Current History: Vol 118, No.809, September 2019, pp.229-234 (20)

Malaysians counted on Mahathir to lead the country back to its glory days and remove the stain of previous Prime Minister Najib's scandals. Many progressive reforms are being discussed and planned over a hundred laws are scheduled for enactment, amendment, or repeal.

MALAYSIA

Angkatan Tentera Malaysia: dahulu, kini & masa hadapan/ Murshid Al Hafiz

Perajurit : September 2019, pp.4-8 (133)

Genap usia Angkatan Tentera Malaysia (ATM) yang ke 86 tahun dan ATM tidak pernah terkecuali dari menghadapi sebarang ancaman dari luar. Tetapi dengan berbekalkan aset-aset ketenteraan, pengalaman yang ada dan dengan latihan yang cukup, ATM akan mampu untuk mempertahankan ruang udara, laut dan tanah Malaysia.

MARITIME

Maritime security: the uncharted politics of the global sea/ Christian Bueger, Timothy Edmunds and Barry J. Ryan.

International Affairs: September 2019, Vol.95, No.5, pp.971-978 (32)

The article looks at the importance of maintaining maritime security globally, regionally and nationally and the issues that could arise such as national, environmental, economic and human security.

The rule of law and maritime security: understanding lawfare in the South China Sea/ Douglas Guilfoyle

International Affairs: September 2019, Vol.95, No.5, pp.999-1017 (32)

The article discusses to what extent any country in practicing and complying with international law in dealing with their maritime security practices. In this case it involves dispute over islands in South China Sea including China that claims their right over the islands within this region.

The disciplined sea: a history of maritime security and zonation/ Barry J. Ryan

International Affairs: September 2019, Vol.95, No.5, pp.1055-1073 (32)

The article highlights the history and evolution of maritime security and a global maritime zonation was established with a purpose to control any activities and establish a good order within the area. In most cases, intervention by the government and sometimes with the presence of military had to be taken so as to ensure order.

MYANMAR

Instability to increase as ethnic fighting escalates

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 : Vol.30, Issue 10, October 2019, pp.13-14 (49)

The article highlights the aftermath of the attacks a test of power between government and the Tatmadaw ahead of the general election scheduled for 2020.

NORTH KOREA

Denuclearising North Korea : evaluating the United States culpability for failed agreements, 1993-2008/ Martin A smith

Diplomacy & Statecraft : Vol 30 No 3, September 2019, pp.556-575 (115)

This analysis examines the reasons for ultimate failure of diplomacy with North Korea during the Clinton and Bush administrations. The evidence discussed in this analysis suggests that the United States must share culpability for the breakdown of successive denuclearisations agreements with North Korea in the 1990s and 2000s

PEACEKEEPING

Does peacekeeping only work in easy environments? an analysis of conflict characteristics, mission profiles, and civil war recurrence/ Thorsten Gromes

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.40, No.3, July 2019, pp.459-480 (104)

In order to prevent the recurrence of civil wars, many believed that peacekeeping is necessary. However not all peacekeeping missions succeed at its aim of preventing the occurrence of civil wars. Hence the article discusses under which conditions the will allow peacekeeping missions to stop this from happening.

PHILIPPINES**Duterte to maintain warm Philippines-China relations in the near term**

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 : Vol.30, Issue 11, November 2019, pp.5-6 (49)

In spite of tensions between the Philippines and China over their claims in the South China Sea, Philippines' president Duterte will still maintain their relations with China due to their economic cooperation. In addition, the Philippines military cooperation with the U.S may add to their advantage against China.

ROLE OF WOMEN**ASEAN's transformative journey: role of women in peace and security/ Noeleen Heyzer**

RSIS Commentary : No. 180, 13 September 2019 (F31)

ASEAN HAS embarked on exploring how to implement the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda in the region. It has recently organised 'an inaugural inter-sectoral dialogue on WPS issues in the ASEAN region' to support Member States implement the Joint Statement on WPS adopted at the 31st ASEAN Summit in Manila, Philippines in November 2017. This was the region's first explicit affirmation of support for the WPS agenda.

RUSSIA**Russia's pivot to the East: a new balance?/ Chris Cheang**

RSIS Commentary : No 189, 27 September 2019 (F31)

Russia's pivot to the East is assuming a more balanced tilt and might become more sustainable, Russia hosts 5th Eastern Economic Forum.

RUSSIA**What's not to like: social media as information operations force multiplier/ Glenda Jakubowski**

JFQ : Joint Force Quarterly : 3rd Quarter 2019, Issue 94, pp.8-17 (79)

The information operations would be the most effective and efficient influence campaign in world history. Russia has used social media to foster conspiracy theories, plant rumours and spread fake news. Russia's information operations success however are not uniform. Factors that contributed to or mitigated Russian information questions success include the target nations.

SINGAPORE**Singapore's armoured force hits 50/ Chen Chuanren**

Defence Review Asia: October 2019, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp.28-29 (146)

The article highlights the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) 50th anniversary of amour that have the ability to defend the country from any threats from outside.

SOUTH CHINA SEA**The dangers ratchet up in the South China Sea - Beijing and Hanoi clash/ Mark Farrer**

Defence Review Asia: October 2019, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp.30-32 (146)

The article discusses the clash between Vietnam and China over their claims in the South China Sea as China is advancing with their exploration.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Defense and strategic planning challenges in an entirely new age/ Gregory R. Copley

Defense & Foreign Affairs Strategic Policy: No.8, 2019, pp. 13-16 (22)

Over the years, there has been great changes in the defense and strategic planning around the globe due to changes in context, the constant change in economics and the never-stopping nature of technology.

TAIWAN

Kinmen at the crossroads: a balancing act?/ Amanda Huan and Tan Ming Hui

RSIS Commentary : No 183, 18 September 2019 (F31)

The islands of Kinmen, located near the People's Republic of China (PRC) but controlled by Taiwan, are often overlooked in analyses on cross-strait affairs. In the midst of rising cross-strait tensions, the island group remains in a unique and strategic yet awkward position.

TERRORISM

Jokowi after the first term - Indonesia's counterterrorism policy: an appraisal/ Chaula Rininta Anindya

RSIS Commentary : No 188, 26 September 2019 (F31)

President Joko 'Jokowi' Widodo's re-election would allow policy continuity in combating terrorism. The article highlights his legacy and what should be done to improve it

TERRORISM

After Jokowi's first term - what next for Indonesian militant groups?/ Vidia Arianti

RSIS Commentary : No 185, 23 September 2019 (F31)

After the 2019 presidential election that resulted in the victory of incumbent President Joko Widodo (Jokowi), Indonesian groups that support Al-Qaeda will likely continue to participate in the democratic process via Islamist rallies. Meanwhile, the groups that support the Islamic State (IS) may continue to plot attacks. Significantly both camps have sent fighters to Syria.

Terrorism can and should be defined? but how?/ Muhammad Feyyaz.

Strategic Analysis: Vol 43, No. 4, July-August 2019, pp. 310-327

The article discusses what constitutes the meaning of terrorism whether it is developed through performative violence or other factors.

Women's war/ Mark Tarallo

Security Management: September 2019, pp.22-26 (92)

The involvement of women in militant groups are not a new phenomenon especially in conflict areas of the world. Many militant groups are using women to fight for their cause from recruitment to actual bombings.

TERRORISM**The threat comes home/ Scott Stewart**

Security Management: September 2019, pp.56-59 (92)

The article discusses what happens when jihadists who fought for the Islamic State returns home and the threats they bring along with them.

THAILAND**Bangkok spree/ Chen Chuanren**

Defence Review Asia: October 2019, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp.38-39 (146)

The article highlights the purchases made by the Thai military in order to increase their military capabilities whether on land, sea or air.

TIMOR LESTE**Timor-Leste and its neighbours: consolidating ties/ Viji Menon**

RSIS Commentary : No. 176, 6 September 2019 (F31)

Timor-Leste celebrated the 20th anniversary of its independence on 30 August 2019. Although the political impasse in the country resulting from the stand-off between the president and the government has not yet been resolved, Timor-Leste's relations with its neighbours (Australia and Indonesia) have made progress.

UNITED STATES**Should we stay or should we go? The United States and the Middle East/ F. Gregory Gause III**

Survival: Vol.61, No.4, October-November 2019, pp.7-24 (106)

This article highlights the role the Americans played in the Persian Gulf. With ample resources, the Americans extensively involving themselves militarily and diplomatically. Although one cannot denied that their presence in the Middle East did brought political and economic stability but the question of whether they need to stay or leave still debatable.

VIETNAM WAR**The Mayaguez incident : a model case study for PME/ Gregory D Miller**

JFQ : Joint Force Quarterly : 3rd Quarter 2019, Issue 94, pp.36-43 (79)

This article highlights the critical elements of the case intended as an instructor's supplemental guide. It highlights the value of through historical education, the danger of distance between the strategic and operational levels. It examines the relevance of the case for the study of history, strategy and operational planning, civil military relations and the meaning of best military advice.

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