

ARMOUR

The global armoured vehicles market/ Dennis-P Merklingshaus

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 1, 2018, pp.32-60 (38)

In this year's global armoured vehicles market report, the latest survey data and analysis demonstrates that the market, in the face of fluctuating economies and an unpredictable operational environment, remains in a period of growth, with most regions witnessing an expansion of vehicle production, acquisition and operational deployment.

ASEAN

ASEAN special operations forces/ Andrew White

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 2, 2018, pp.44-45(38)

An in-depth look at how SOF from across the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) continue to be heavily utilised in a complex operating environment dominated by a wide range of threats.

ASEAN defence industry: building up strength/ Adlinna Abdul Alim

Asian Defence Journal: April 2018, pp.32-36 (131)

Although seems low profile, the defence industries of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have increased their capabilities in manufacturing defence equipment and weapons.

ASIA

An emerging Asian model of governance and transnational knowledge transfer: an introduction/ Ting-yan Wang, et.al

Journal Of Asian Public Policy: July 2018, Vol 11 No 2, pp.121-135

Although Asia has a long history of governance practice, its modern governance has been disproportionately influenced by the Western models. Given the shifting global political economic landscape and a re-emerging Asia in recent decades, there is an urgent need to explore the potential of Asian models of governance. Could there be an Asian model of governance that is distinct from the Western ones? If so, what are the key characteristics? In conjunction with the special issue, this introduction article attempts to partially answer these questions.

AUSTRALIA

Australia's relationship with the European Union: from conflict to cooperation/ Margherita Matera, et.al

Australian Journal of International Affairs: Vol.72 Issue 3, June 2018, pp.179-193 (36)

This article provides an assessment of the relationship, the current state of play and key challenges facing the relationship as the EU and Australia forge stronger ties through the conclusion of a Framework Agreement and the commencement of discussions on a Free Trade Agreement at the same time as the UK's exit negotiations from the EU. It demonstrates that, although there are challenges facing the relationship, there are also significant opportunities to further develop and strengthen ties.

BRUNEI

Royal Brunei Armed Forces: towards modernisation and global presence/ Adlinna Alim, et.al

Asian Defence Journal: May/June 2018, pp.15-17 (131)

The kingdom of Brunei is fast tracking its defence modernisation programme for its armed forces. Procurement of defence assets is executed at a fast pace, as well as the country's bilateral and multilateral ties in defence cooperation.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS

Starting a chemical reaction/ Timothy Compston

Intersec: May 2018, pp. 10-12(69)

The author reflects on how recent incidents involving chemical weapons have been a catalyst for renewed action by the West./ Timothy Compston

CHINA

Beyond balancing: China's approach towards the Belt and Road Initiative/ Weifeng Zhou, et.al

Journal of Contemporary China: Vol.27, No. 112, July 2018, pp. 487-501 (102)

This article explores the motivations and calculations behind China's Belt and Road Initiative. It argues that China's efforts to enhance regional multilateral cooperation across the Eurasian space through the BRI are strongly motivated by a multifaceted grand strategy. The BRI serves as a decisive strategic maneuver for China to ensure security and promote power status in the international order, moving from a rule-taker to rule-maker.

COMMUNICATIONS

Growing appetites for voice, data and imagery transfer: the demand for tactical communications on the battlefield shows no signs of diminishing/ Thomas Withington

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 6, 2018, pp.58-70 (38)

Investment continues to flow into the procurement and upgrade of tactical communications in ground faces around the world.

COUNTERTERRORISM

Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia: eye joint counterterrorism task force

Indo-Pacific Defense Forum: Vol 43, Issue 1, 2018, pp. 8-15 (F5)

Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia consider forming counterterrorism task force.

CYBER

Cyber-enabled information operations: The battlefield threat without a face/ David Reynolds

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 5, 31 January 2018, pp.22-27 (122)

New technology in the cyber-influence domain is developing fast and presenting new challenges to NATO, with Russia in particular embracing cyber-enabled information operations (CyIO). From Ukraine to Syria and the Baltic states, the Russian army has exploited computer science in support of its messaging campaign to project Moscow's military power and further President Vladimir Putin's political aims. For more than a decade NATO's military 'main effort' was directed towards insurgency campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan, but now the alliance and its member nations are focused on cyber defence and its development to shape the

DEFENCE STRATEGY

Are we there yet? Implementing best practices in assessments/ Lynette M. B. Arnhart, et.al

Military Review: May-June 2018, pp. 20-29 (81)

This article discusses common Department of Defense assessment methods, explain why they are inadequate, and identify the best ways to conduct strategic-level assessments.

DRONES

A history of drones: moral(e) bombing and state terrorism/ Afxentis Afxentiou

Critical Studies on Terrorism: Vol 11, No 2, August 2018, pp. 301-320 (112)

This article argues that an historical investigation of air power makes possible the critique of current regimes of drone surveillance and bombing as a practice of state terrorism. By identifying certain key themes regularly used in terrorism studies for the classification of violence as 'terrorism', this article shows that early air power theorists understood military aircraft as essentially instruments of terrorism.

GPS SYSTEM

Fitness app reveals US-led coalition base locations in Middle East/ Jeremy Binnie

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 7, 14 February 2018, p.5 (122)

The locations of previously unpublicised US-led coalition bases were revealed when Strava, a company that makes an app that tracks its users' training activity, released a global heat map of all the data it has gathered. Western military personnel routinely use the app when they run around the perimeters of bases where they are deployed, the result being that the facilities are highlighted as bright patches on the heat map. These stand out particularly starkly in many areas of the Middle East where there is little other Strava activity.

INDONESIA

New forms of political activism in Indonesia/ Dirk Tomsa, et.al

Asian Survey: Vol.58 No.3, May/June 2018, pp.557-581 (12)

This article argues that new personality-centric movements have redefined the nexus between activism and electoral politics in Indonesia. It illustrates how these movements have challenged the role of political parties and consultants in electoral campaigning, and how their growing prominence may affect the future trajectory of Indonesian politics.

IRAN

Narrating success and failure: congressional debates on the 'Iran nuclear deal'/ Kai Oppermann, et.al

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 24, Issue. 2, June 2018, pp.268-292 (26)

This article applies a method of narrative analysis to investigate the discursive contestation over the 'Iran nuclear deal' in the US. Specifically, it explores the struggle in the US Congress between narratives constituting the deal as a US foreign policy success or failure. The article argues that foreign policy successes and failures are socially constructed through narratives and suggests how narrative analysis as a discourse-analytical method can be employed to trace discursive contests about such constructions.

JAPAN

Asia wary of Japan's push for military expansion/ MG Mahmud

Asian Defence Journal: April 2018, pp.4-6 (131)

The Land of the Rising Sun has been steadily strengthening its military capabilities and power projection amid the ongoing debate over whether to amend Article 9 of the country's pacifist constitution. Japan's military now boasts an impressive array of weaponry and with the results of the country's snap parliamentary elections last year.

LEADERSHIP

The leadership of balancing control and autonomy in public sector networks: the case of Singapore/ Celia Lee

Journal Of Asian Public Policy : July 2018, Vol 11 No 2, pp.151-172

This empirical qualitative study based on two inter-organizational networks in the Singapore public sector contributes to the network management and public sector leadership literatures by examining leadership of the coordinating units through the studying of structures and processes within the four cases. Paying attention to how network leaders engage in inward work 'in the spirit of collaboration' to build network community and at the same engage in outward work 'towards collaborative thuggery' that build legitimacy with external institutions by addressing paradox of control and autonomy towards building the understanding of network leadership in the public sector.

Professional reading builds better leaders/ Karl Flynn

Proceedings US Naval Institute: June 2018, pp. 66-68 (86)

To produce better Marine officers, the Academy should implement a professional reading program, change course requirements for graduation, and add more discussion-based seminars to analyze ideas about leadership and current affairs.

Sustainment at the forefront in the future: an interview with Retired Gen. John Campbell/ Arpi Dilanian, et.al

Army Sustainment: May-June 2018, pp.16-21 (74)

The 34th vice chief of staff of the Army discusses his experiences with sustainment and the importance it will play on tomorrow's battlefield.

LEADERSHIP

Assessing one's leadership: action oriented/ Timothy E. Winand

Marine Corps Gazette: Vol.102, No.7, July 2018, pp.40-43 (71)

Leaders up and down the chain of command can capitalize on the deliberate implementation of a leadership assessment process as an effective way of measuring what their leadership is truly accomplishing in the real world. Even if implementation of the process proves difficult, which it will, doing so at least recognizes that leadership is actually expected to produce something in the real world.

MALAYSIA

Shifting emphasis: Military modernisation in Malaysia/ Jon Greavatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 12, 21 March 2018, pp.26-32 (122)

Modernisation of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) previously showed signs of being driven by a perceived requirement to enhance capability in response to China's assertiveness in the South China Sea and in the territory that the two countries have overlapping claims to. Indeed, similar concerns are motivating military modernisation among many of Malaysia's neighbours, most notably Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam. This article shares the key factors shaping the modernisation of MAF through economic and a change of MAF's strategic outlook.

MALAYSIA

Top brass interview: Admiral (Maritime) Zulkifli Abu Bakar, Director General, MMEA

Asian Defence Journal: January/February 2018, pp. 8-12 (131)

Since its establishment 13 years ago, the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) is transforming itself to be the leading maritime law enforcement agency. Admiral (Maritime) Zulkifli Abu Bakar talks about MMEA's transformation plans and cooperation with other enforcement agencies in this region.

Top brass interview: Admiral Ahmad Kamarulzaman Ahmad Badaruddin, Chief of Navy Malaysia

Asian Defence Journal: May/June 2018, pp.18-19 (131)

On occasion of the RMN's 84th anniversary, Admiral Ahmad Kamarulzaman recently answered questions on the navy's development and challenges in modernising the fleet including the "15-to-5" plan.

Top brass interview: General Affendi Buang, Chief of Air Force, Malaysia

Asian Defence Journal: May/June 2018, pp.20-22 (131)

Gen Affendi spends some time with ADJ in conjunction with RMAF 60th anniversary celebration recently, where he talks about the challenges of maintaining old assets, reprioritisation initiatives of acquiring new equipment and future force modernisation strategy.

MILITARY

Expanding the military footprint in Asia-Pacific/ Marco Giulio Barone

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 1, 2018, pp.10-14 (38)

This article briefs an overview of Asia-Pacific (ASPAC) drivers for widespread regional military build-up, from strategic aspects to granular developments.

MILITARY SCIENCE

Asia's space race heats up/ H.B. Warimann

Asian Defence Journal: January/February 2018, pp. 4-6 (131)

For decades, the space race was dominated by Russia and the US, and to a certain extent, Europe, but India, China and Japan spearheading not only in exploration, but also in the commercial space sector and, in the use of space for military purposes.

MILITARY TECHNOLOGY

Night vision EO/IR developments/ Tim Fish

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 6, 2018, pp.28-36 (38)

Most technological advances in night vision are taking place in the land sector, where the requirements for EO/IR systems are much tougher. This article investigates why soldiers need small, ruggedised and lightweight optical systems that can give clear vision at night across different types of terrain in a variety of harsh environmental conditions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Does terrorism increase after a natural disaster? An analysis based upon property damage/ Jomon Aliyas Paul, et.al

Defence and Peace Economics: Vol 29, No. 4, July 2018, pp.407-439

Does an emergency such as a natural disaster lead to a surge of terrorism? This paper contributes to the emerging literature on this issue. We consider the experience of 129 countries during the period 1998-2012 to determine the effect of a natural disaster on both domestic as well as transnational terrorism.

MISSION COMMAND

Mission command & zero error tolerance cannot coexist/ Milan Vego

Proceedings US Naval Institute: July 2018, pp. 58-61 (86)

Mission command is considered the principal method of command and control (C2) in the U.S. military. Its effectiveness is predicated on giving subordinates sufficient freedom to act so they can exercise initiative in the course of executing their assigned missions. The Navy's deeply rooted zero tolerance for error, however, is incompatible with true mission command. For more than three decades, the zero-defect mentality has pervaded the service. Reversing these policies will require a cultural revolution in the way the Navy thinks and acts.

MYANMAR

Myanmar today: democracy or demagoguery?/ Ross Wilson

New Zealand International Review: Vol 43 No 4, July/August 2018, pp.20-23 (82)

This article discusses the difficulties confronting Aung Sang Suu Kyi in dealing with the crisis in Rakhine state.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Breaking stalemates: current context/ Yossef Bodansky

Defense & Foreign Affairs Strategic Policy: Vol. XLVI No.5-6 2018, pp. 11-13 (22)

There is no doubt that Iran and North Korea have capable nuclear weapons systems and the means to deliver them. This has created in their leaderships a new-found confidence, which has been expressed in recent actions. For the West, which consistently postponed acknowledging this reality, there are now difficult decisions to face.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Successes, challenges and steps forward for non-proliferation/ Jackie O'Halloran Bernstein

Arms Control Today: Vol.48, No.5, June 2018, pp.12-17 (5)

Fifty years after the opening for signature of the nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), there are many reasons to celebrate, not least among them is the continued salience and importance of this treaty.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Policy consulting in developing countries: evidence from the Philippines/ Kidjie Saguin

Journal Of Asian Public Policy : July 2018, Vol 11 No 2, pp.188-205

This article is an initial attempt at examining the demand for policy consulting in a developing country. It sought to confirm whether the trends in policy advice 'externalization and proceduralization' found in developed countries are present in an emerging economy such as the Philippines based on an extensive coding and analysis of a recently made public database of bid notices for consulting services.

PROCUREMENT

Main Battle Tank's development: A tale of two worlds/ Christopher F Foss

Jane's International Defence Review: Vol.51, February 2018, pp.38-43 (120)

Main battle tank development has come to a virtual standstill in many Western countries, but elsewhere, especially in Asia, countries are advancing ambitious programmes. This article explores the armoured world.

PROCUREMENT

Sea sentinels: Chinese unmanned maritime systems gain traction/ Kelvin Wong

Jane's International Defence Review: Vol.51, February 2018, pp.44-49 (120)

Although Chinese unmanned aerial vehicles have attracted significant interest in recent years, the country is also advancing the development of its unmanned maritime systems in the surface and underwater domains. This article investigates some of the latest efforts under way.

Bridging the gaps: China works to boost combat engineer capabilities/ Christopher F Foss

Jane's International Defence Review: Vol.51, February 2018, pp.36-41 (120)

China's People's Liberation Army has taken into service significant quantities of new armoured fighting vehicles, artillery systems, and logistics support equipment. However, while some new engineering equipment has been fielded, there are gaps in China's combat engineering capability. This article surveys the current offerings.

Eastern armour: the Asian market for military ground vehicles/ Daksh Nakra

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 3, 17 January 2018, pp.24-30 (122)

China, India, and South Korea are among the world's top 10 spenders on military vehicles and are likely to contribute more than USD126 billion to the global market during the next decade. The 10-year forecast for military ground vehicles (MGVs) for the 2017-26 period suggests that overall Asian spending will be USD166 billion. This article investigates where the money is being spent

SINGAPORE

Global threats and regional security/ MILTECH

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 2, 2018, pp.19 (38)

This article highlights an abridged version of Dr. Ng Eng Hen's speech during IISS Shangri-La Dialogue 2017 Fifth Plenary Session on 4 June 2017.

Transformation into a 21st century force/ Robert Czulda

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 2, 2018, pp.20-23 (38)

Singapore is a mighty city-state whose armed forces are among one of the most robust and advanced in terms of technology in the world. Currently the Singapore military has been accomplishing its transformation into a 21st century force.

Republic of Singapore navy modernisation continues/ Brian Kindamo

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 2, 2018, pp.52-53 (38)

A look at why the Republic of Singapore's Navy is a world-class, networked, three-dimensional navy; arguably deploying the most modern warships and submarines in the region.

Top brass interview: Major General Mervyn Tan, Chief of Air Force Singapore

Asian Defence Journal: March 2018, pp.7-8 (131)

In conjunction with its Golden Jubilee, ADJ received an insight from the chief himself, Major General Mervyn Tan on RSAF ongoing transformation programmes.

SOUTH ASIA**The role of political exclusion and state capacity in civil conflict in South Asia/ Sambuddha Ghatak**

Terrorism and Political Violence: Vol. 30, Nos.1-3, January-June 2018, pp.74-96 (116)

Extant literature on intrastate conflict independently explores terrorism and civil war. However, both terrorism and civil war are probably parts of a continuum of intrastate conflict with the former at one end and the latter at the other end in terms of intensity. I argue that two factors play important roles in rebels' decision-making calculus, namely, the size of their support base and state strength. Terrorism, as a strategy of the weak, is optimal when the rebel groups have little support among their audience and the state is strong. On the other hand, guerrilla warfare is an ideal strategy when such groups have a greater support base and the state is weak. The theoretical argument is tested on a dataset of Myanmar and six countries of South Asia and for 1970â€“2007.

SOUTHEAST ASIA**Powering up: Air force modernisation in Southeast Asia/ Jon Grevatt**

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 4, 24 January 2018, pp.24-30 (122)

The nature of perceived threats in Southeast Asia is predominately territorial, with China's military rise and its growing ability to press its claims to most of the South China Sea causing concern about the region's future stability. As a result Southeast Asian countries have

Malaysia-Thailand strengthen cross-border cooperation/ ADJ

Asian Defence Journal: April 2018, pp.4-7 (131)

Malaysia and Thailand have agreed to strengthen their cooperation to ensure their common borders is not exploited by violent extremists and terrorists during the 54th Malaysia-Thailand General Border Committee meeting.

SPECIAL FORCES**Future threat: Special forces seek next-generation capability enhancements/ Andrew White**

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 5, 31 January 2018, pp.28-30 (122)

After combat operations to drive the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS) out of Iraq and Syria largely drew to a close during the last quarter of 2017, the international special operations community has quickly turned its attention to what capabilities will be required to win the next fight.

Special operations forces inter-operability and doctrine/ Andrew White

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 6, 2018, pp.110-114 (38)

In line with the rapid fielding of next-generation technologies by near-peer and high-capability adversaries, this article looks at how the international special operations community continues to work up plans to enhance interoperability levels at national and multi-national levels and to update doctrine in order to counter an expanding series of emerging threats.

TAIWAN**Taiwan's anti-nuclear movement: The making of a militant citizen movement/ Ming-Sho Ho**

Journal of Contemporary Asia: Vol.48, No. 3, July 2018, pp.445-464 (107)

This article examines the significant breakthroughs achieved by Taiwan's anti-nuclear movement following Japan's Fukushima Incident in 2011, as well as the 2014 Sunflower Movement in Taiwan. It argues that a militant citizen movement came into being because a new wave of activism employed non-partisan leadership and demonstrated a willingness to employ disruptive tactics.

TERRORISM

The proscription or listing of terrorist organisations: understanding, assessment, and international comparisons/ Lee Jarvis, et.al

Terrorism and Political Violence: Vol. 30, Nos.1-3, January-June 2018, pp.199-215 (116)

This article serves as an introduction to this Special Issue on the banning or proscription of terrorist organisations around the world. It begins by arguing for greater attention to proscription powers because of their contemporary ubiquity, considerable historical lineage, implications for political life, and ambiguous effectiveness. Following an overview of the Issue's questions and ambitions, the article discusses five themes: key moments of continuity and change within proscription regimes around the world; the significance of domestic political and legal contexts and institutions; the value of this power in countering terrorism and beyond; a range of prominent criticisms of proscription, including around civil liberties; and the significance of language and other symbolic practices in the justification and extension of proscription powers. We conclude by sketching the arguments and contributions of the subsequent articles in this Issue.

TRAINING

Synthetic skies: Assessing the future of aircrew simulation and training/ Pat Host

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 6, 7 February 2018, pp.24-30 (122)

As flight simulation and training technologies push the envelope of what is possible, the Pentagon and US defence industry are working to determine what truly delivers technical innovation and value for money. More in this article.

UNITED KINGDOM

Third time lucky: The United Kingdom's newest defence strategy review/ Tim Ripley

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 9, 28 February 2018, pp.20-24 (122)

In January the British government announced the launch of its third defence review in three years to look again at its future defence strategy and spending priorities. This article examines the possible outcomes.

The British Army, 'understanding', and the illusion of control/ Christian Tripodi

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 41 No.5, August 2018, pp. 632-658 (98)

Over the past decade, Western military doctrines concerned with matters of irregular warfare and counterinsurgency have emphasised the requirement for properly 'understanding' the social, political and cultural environments in which those militaries may operate; the so-called human and socio-political 'terrain'. This has led to a number of advancements and initiatives designed to facilitate the way that militaries may enhance that understanding. One of those initiatives has been the emergence from within the British military of a doctrine – JDP 04 'Understanding' – designed for that purpose. Using that doctrine and other subsequent publications as a template, this article will examine the utility of 'understanding' for those commanders seeking to match military activities with political ends.

UNITED STATES

“More symbolic—more political—than substantive”:|b an interview with James R. Clapper on the U.S. designation of foreign terrorist organizations/|cTim Legrand

Terrorism and Political Violence: Vol. 30, Nos.1-3, January-June 2018, pp.356-372 (116)

This article considers the status and value of the U.S. Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) list via an extended and annotated interview with James R. Clapper, U.S. Director of National Intelligence during the administration of President Barack Obama from 2010â€“2017.

CHINA

Competing with China/ Aaron L. Friedberg

Survival: Vol.60, No.3, June-July 2018, pp.7-64 (106)

The United States and China are separated not only by divergent interests, some of which might be reconciled, but by incompatible visions for the future of Asia and the world.

UNMANNED VEHICLES

Unmanned vehicles for 2025/ Beth Stevenson

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 2, 2018, pp.48-50 (38)

Unmanned vehicles across all domains area mainstay of military operations now, and this is only set to increase over the coming years as the technology is further invested in and more nations look to acquire what is now considered a necessary capability.

WAR

Crisis in the laws of war? Beyond compliance and effectiveness/ Ian Clark, et.al

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 24, Issue. 2, June 2018, pp.319-343 (26)

How can we tell what state the laws of war are in today, and whether they face exceptional pressures? Standard accounts of the condition of this body of law focus on problems of compliance and effectiveness. In particular, there is a dominant international legal diagnosis that most non-compliance is accounted for by the prevalence of non-state belligerents in irregular or asymmetric conflicts. We propose that any such diagnosis is partial at best. A focus on compliance and effectiveness tells us nothing about the reasons for actor behaviour, or about its impact on the regime. We advance a different conceptual framework, exploring the complex connections between compliance, effectiveness and legitimacy.

WEAPONS

Human rights as a new standard of civilization in weapons control?/ Ritu Mathur

Alternatives : Vol 42 No 4, November 2017, pp.227-243 (1)

This article seeks to problematize deployment of specifically human rights-based discourses to address the problem of weapons./ Ritu Mathur

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