AFGHANISTAN

The Islamic state in South and central Asia/ Dawood Azami

*Survival*: Vol.58, No.4, August-September 2016, pp. 131-158 (106)

Militancy and insecurity in South and Central Asia are strongly influenced by regional and transnational dynamics.

AUSTRALIA

Shaping up for the future/ Julian Kerr

*IHS Jane’s Defence Weekly*: Vol.53 Iss.31, 3 August 2016, pp. 26-31 (122)

Australia army is in the process of being transformed from a largely infantry-based formation to an armoured force.

CHINA

China to have ‘world’s largest navy’ by 2020 says report/ Gabriel Dominguez

*IHS Jane’s Defence Weekly*: Vol.53 Iss.31, 3 August 2016, p. 5 (122)

The article highlights on a new report that China will have not only the largest also the second most capable blue water navy in the world within the next four years.

High and dry: South China Sea ruling rejects Beijing’s claims/ Bill Hayton

*Jane's Intelligence Review*: September, 2016, Vol.28 Iss.9, pp. 6-11 (123)

The article examines the implications of the ruling for China and its neighbouring countries and the outlook for China’s policy in the region.

CYBERSPACE

The cyber conceptual framework for developing military doctrine/ David Ormrod

*Defence Studies*: Vol.16, No.3, September 2016, pp. 270-298 (105)

This paper introduces a cyber conceptual framework consisting of five questions pertinent to the future use of cyberspace. This work develops a common framework from available doctrine and a lexicon for future discussion.

INDONESIA

Indonesia’s new governance institutions/ Jamie S Davidson

*Asian Survey*: Vol.56 No.4, July/August 2016, pp. 651-675 (12)

This article presents six case studies of new governance institutions in contemporary Indonesia to provide empirical substance to its hypothesis. The article argues the primary obstacle to the independence of Indonesia’s new reform-oriented governance institutions is the extent to which foreign interests have a stake in their formal decisions.

ISLAM MUSLIM DEMOCRACY

From political Islam to Muslim democracy/ Rached Ghannouchi

*Foreign Affairs*: Vol. 95, No. 5, September/October 2016, pp. 58 – 67 (76)

The party first emerged as an Islamist movement in response to repression at the hands of a secularist, authoritarian regime that denied citizens religious freedom and the rights of free expression.

JAPAN

The political pressure driving Japanese collective self-defense/ Anthony Volk


The study focused on prime ministerial visits to the Yasukuni Shinto Shrine a controversial memorial that honors all of Japan’s war dead including a few World War II class A, war criminals.

Japan’s white paper outlines priorities for defence production/ Jon Grevatt

*IHS Jane’s Defence Weekly*: Vol.53 Iss.34, 24 August 2016, p.22 (122)

The document highlights requirements such as continuing efforts to improve defence project management, measures to ensure technological superiority and co-operation on defence equipment and technologies.

MILITARY MEDICINE

Seeking safety pilot outcome study at Walter Road national military medical centre/ Lisa M Najavits.


This article reports results of a study of SS conducted in a military setting. Pilot trial addressed outcomes, feasibility and satisfaction. SS was conducted as is to evaluate its impact without adaption for military culture.
MILITARY OPERATIONS

Sustained military operations and cognitive performance/ Susan Vrijkotte

*Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance: Vol 87, No. 8, August 2016, pp. 718-727 (62)*

The objective of this review was to investigate the effects of sustained military operations on vigilance, reaction time, working memory, and reasoning in order to select good indicators for performance impairment.

NORTH KOREA

Vaulting ambition : North Korea asserts right to nuclear defence/ Nick Hansen

*Jane's Intelligence Review: August, 2016, Vol.28 Iss.8, pp.34-39 (123)*

The key points of the article North Korea's sixth and most successful test of a Musudan missile, future internal stability will depend on the extent to which China chooses to implement the economic sanctions and the party congress symbolically demonstrated Kim Jong-un control over the state.

PHILIPPINES

Holding steady : duterte unlikely to improve Philippine security/ Judith Jacob

*Jane's Intelligence Review: August, 2016, Vol.28 Iss.8, pp.40-43 (123)*

The article assesses the outlook for security in the Philippines.

SINGAPORE

F-35 : Singapore's next-gen fighter?/ Kelvin Wong

*IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.53 Iss.32, 10 August 2016, p.28-31 (122)*

Singapore continues to remain tight lipped about its next generation combat aircraft programme.

SOUTH KOREA

South Korea's strategy toward a rising China, security dynamics in East Asia and international relations theory/

*Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.4, July/Aug 2016, pp.707-730 (12)*

The main goal of this article is twofold. First it seeks to account for South Korea's distinct behaviors toward China since the end of the Cold War. Second, through the lens of South Korea’s behaviors toward China the article assesses the relevance of major international relations theories for the evolving structure of East Asian security in the 21st century.

TERRORISM

Militant web watch : monitoring militant activity online

*Jane's Intelligence Review: August, 2016, Vol.28 Iss.8, pp.14-17 (123)*

The article examines significant online activity by militant groups as activists and supporters reacted to international events.

VIETNAM

Tonkin’s uplands at the turn of the 20th century : colonial military enclosure and local livelihood effects/ Jean Michaud

*Asia Pacific Viewpoint: Vol.57, No.2, August 2016, pp.154-167 (8)*

This paper provides clear indications of the enclosing strategies of the colonial state's military territories policy.

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