

AIR NAVAL

Bell aims Relentless at military missions/ Dominic Perry

Flight International: 05 - 11 September 2017, p.6 (65)

Airframer pushes developmental super-medium helicopter for troop transport or utility roles, as "right-sized" aircraft.

Super Hornets put up for future Indian navy requirement/ Greg Waldron

Flight International: 05 - 11 September 2017, p.11 (65)

Technology transfer and industrial offset package are key selling points of "Block III" proposal for carrier-based role.

ASIA

Transcontinental express: Asia's law enforcer face synthetic drug proliferation/ Roderic Broadhurst

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.42-45 (123)

The criminal trade in new synthetic drugs is profitable, sophisticated, dangerous and rapidly expanding. In this article the author examines the transnational link between organised crime groups, and the implications of the expansion of the trade for law enforcement in Asia and Oceania. A transnational, intelligence-led law enforcement response is more likely to be capable of effectively tackling the networks of criminal groups that enable this trade, while a prohibition-based strategy risks leading to increased level of violence in affected states.

ASIA PACIFIC

Doing more than it says on the tin/ Alan Warnes

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 5, August/September 2017, pp.20-23 (60)

Airborne early warning (AEW) aircraft can do much more than their acronym suggests. The increasing ability of the platforms to perform land and sea surveillance is making them ever more attractive to potential customers in the Asia Pacific. The next decade other nations may join the Asia Pacific (EAW) club such as Malaysia and Indonesia or possibly Vietnam as discussed.

ASIA PACIFIC

Small platforms make a big difference/ Marthy Kauchak

Asian Military Review: Vol.25, Issue 5, August/September 2017, pp.24-27 (60)

Freedom of navigation and presence missions in response to territorial disputes with the Peoples Republic of China, fishery patrols and interdiction of migrants at sea are among the operational requirements for offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) and corvettes in the Asia Pacific.

AUSTRALIA

After ANZAC: Royal Australian Navy nears decision on SEA 5000 Future Frigate design/ Julian Kerr

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.122, Issue 7, September 2017, pp.22-28 (124)

A decision is expected early next year on the design of Australia's Future Frigate: a USD25.5 billion programme that will replace the RAN's ANZAC-class fleet with nine frigates able to carry out a broad range of missions, including anti-submarine warfare. The author reports.

The future of the ADF/ Andrew Hoffmann

Australian Defence Force Journal : Issue. 201, 2017, pp.23-30. (F7)

This article aims to examine critical factors, distilling the broad characteristics required of ADF capabilities over the next 15 years.

Securing space: Australia's urgent security policy challenge for the 21st century/ Chris Westwood

Australian Defence Force Journal: Issue. 201, 2017, pp.37-46 (F7)

This paper proposes a national-level policy to establish a foundation for securing Australia's future space activities.

AUSTRALIA

Thoughts on joint professional military education/ James Goldrick

Australian Defence Force Journal : Issue. 201, 2017, pp.81-86 (F7)

This article focus relates principally to personal development in areas specifically related to the military profession.

CAMBODIA

Laos-Cambodia conflict a remote possibility

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 : Vol.28, Issue 10, October 2017, p..9 (49)

BMI view tensions between the two neighbouring countries could flare up again.

CHINA

David versus goliath/ Justin Bronk

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 5, August/September 2017, pp.32-34 (60)

The republic of China air force (ROCAF) as part of country's armed forces, faces a nearly impossible primary mission on paper, to defend the airspace of Taiwan from the might of the people's liberation army air force.

China prepares to update military export controls/ Jon Grevatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 33, 16 August 2017, p.22 (122)

China is to revise its export controls for nuclear, biological, chemical, military and dual-use goods and services. Strategic exports cannot be adequately controlled through existing legislation. Moreover, the legislation introduces the concept of an embargo, which in theory would allow the Chinese government to impose a blanket ban on exports of specific countries.

CHINA

Near and far: China's People Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) maintains global presence despite operational pressures/ Ridzwan Rahmat and Dr. Lee Willett

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.122, Issue 7, September 2017, pp.10-11 (124)

PLAN is playing a major role amid increasing Asia-Pacific naval activity, while maintaining a presence in the Indian Ocean Region and West of Suez. The authors discuss how recent deployments demonstrate its ability to sustain a global presence.

CYBER

Road to cyber-security/ Mike Gillespie

Professional Security : Vol. 27/9, September 2017, p.60 (91)

The article highlights "maybe we need to talk about safety rather than security?" It discusses risk of life, what's possible and built in systems.

Affordable and effective cybersecurity/ Walt Yates

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.101, No.9, September 2017, pp.9-12 (71)

The article is a proposal for marine corps systems and networks. The marine corps information systems and networks is an issue of great importance and concern to the senior leadership of the corps. It is treated as a 'wicked problem.

Marine corps CIO and cybersecurity/ Ray A Letteer

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.101, No.9, September 2017, pp.13-17 (71)

The article discusses operationalizing risk management to protect the C2 environment and improve effectiveness.

CYBER

Cyberspace operations and electronic warfare convergence (part III)/ Brian Russell

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.101, No.9, September 2017, pp.67-71 (71)

Current research and development efforts show capabilities are technically possible today. Service cultural resistance to adopt new technology for an emerging domain and a fractured acquisition process.

Internet war zone/ Anthony Tucker-Jones

Intersec: September 2017, pp.26-28 (69)

Talks to managing director airbus cybersecurity, UK about the mounting cyber threats to NATO.

Cyber test and evaluation in a maritime context/ Luke Boswell

Australian Defence Force Journal : Issue. 202, 2017, pp.9-16. (F7)

This article outlines the significance of the effective management of cyber particularly for the RAN developing an argument for cyber as a key component of operational testing and evaluation.

Developing cyber-security policies that penetrate Australian defence acquisitions/ Craig Sweetman

Australian Defence Force Journal : Issue. 202, 2017, pp.17-26. (F7)

This article examines how Australian defence acquisition policies can adapt mainly using US department of defense experiences to deal more effectively and systematically with cyber resilience.

One step forward, two steps back : cyberbullying within social networking sites/ Jordana N Navarro

Security Journal : Vol 30, No 3, 2017, pp. 844-858 (48)

This study addressed that gap by utilizing RAT (Routine Activities Theory) to frame cyberbullying within SNS (Social Networking Sites) and determined several factors impacted the risk of experiencing cyberbullying within the environment.

CYBER

The projection and measurement of cyberspace/ Adrian Venables

Security Journal : Vol 30, No 3, 2017, pp.1000-1011 (48)

This article builds on previous work defining the properties of cyberspace in terms of vertical layers which when combined with a representation of distance presents a three dimensional model.

The cyber pearl harbor/ James J Wirtz

Intelligence and National Security: Vol.32, No.6, October 2017, pp.758-767 (99)

This article highlights the fact that to be significant a cyber surprise attack will not occur in a political vacuum.

Hidden spectrum/ Tamir Eshel

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.24, September 2017, pp.6-10 (130)

Cyber and electronic warfare developments are challenging tactical forces.

Hack the navy : how cyberattacks can affect naval operations/ Norman Friedman

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.1, 2017, pp.54-56 (41)

Maritime cyber attacks are no longer the stuff of science fiction. For several years within and outside the US navy have called for even greater attention to addressing threats to cyberspace.

CYBER

Nuclear deterrence and cyber warfare : coexistence or competition?/ Stephen J Cimbala

Defense & Security Analysis : Vol.33, Issue. 3, 2017, pp.193-208 (94)

In the discussion the broader theoretical implications of the nuclear-cyber nexus for students of national security policy and warfare are first examined. Second how missile defenses posing cyber challenges of their own might complicate US-Russian political relations and nuclear arms reductions are considered.

DISASTER

Emotions and beliefs after a disaster : a comparative analysis of Haiti and Indonesia/ Erin O'Connell

Disasters: Vol.41 No.4, October 2017, pp.803-827 (23)

The research highlights the need for contextualised investigation of needs prior to aid programmes and interventions rather than implementing standardised models in different disaster affected locales.

EUROPE

High frontiers: Maritime ballistic missile defence (BMD) developments in Europe/ Richard Scot

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.122, Issue 7, September 2017, p.12-20 (124)

European navies are viewing their respective maritime ballistic missile defence requirements through a number of different prisms. The author reports.

INDIA

India withdraws troops from disputed border areas/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 36, 6 September 2017, p.22 (122)

In this article, China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated India's troops withdrawal from the Doklam tri-junction. The move ended a two month long military standoff in the region.

INDO-ASIA PASIFIC

The Indo-Asia pacific and the multi-domain battle concept/ Robert B Brown

Military Review : September/October 2017, pp. 14-20 (81)

This article presents three topics to illustrate how they are thinking about the implementation of the multi-domain battle concept in the pacific command area of responsibility. It briefly discusses the strategic situation in the Indo-Asia Pacific.

INDONESIA

Indonesian Army establishes new reserve division/ Rizwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 36, 6 September 2017, p.22 (122)

The Indonesian Army's KOSTRAD is putting together a new rapid strike composite division consisting of 1,200 personnel, called Cakra Battalion. It will be based in Lebak, on the island of Java.

Indonesia, Russia sign Su-35 'Flanker-E' countertrade deal/ Jon Grevatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 33, 16 August 2017, p.23 (122)

Indonesia and Russia have signed an agreement to facilitate countertrade deals in support of Jakarta's pending contract to procure Sukhoi Su-35 'Flanker-E' multirole combat aircraft. Reports have indicated that Indonesia might conclude a deal to procure the SU-35s before the end of 2017.

INDONESIA

Divisive issue: Political splits deepen ahead of Indonesia's presidential election/ Anton Alifandi

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.20-23 (123)

The success of an opposition candidate running a highly polarising campaign in Jakarta's April gubernatorial elections has broader implications for Indonesian politics. In this article the author examines three scenarios for how sectarian issues could affect the outcome of the 2019 presidential election.

Indonesia in talks to procure first mini-submarine/ Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.122, Issue 7, September 2017, p.4 (124)

The Indonesia Ministry of Defence is currently finalising a contract with Batam-based shipbuilder PT Palindo Marine for the procurement of a mini-submarine. Tentera Nasional Indonesia sources have indicated that the service is aiming for a first steel cut in September 2017.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

Crises and crisis generations : the long-term impact of international crises on military political participation/ Peter B White

Security studies : Vol.26, No 4, October-December 2017, pp.575-605 (118)

This article argues that it is not relatively static elements of the international threat environment that lead to military withdrawal from politics and professionalization but rather international crises and their long term aftermath.

IRAQ

Elite Assistance/ Andrew White

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 33, 16 August 2017, pp.26-31 (122)

Special forces from a number of Western nations are providing key support to the various units tasked with kicking the Islamic State out of Raqqa: the militant Islamists' last remaining major stronghold, the author reports.

ISIS

Accounting for Lebanese Muslims perspectives on the Islamic state (ISIS) : religious militancy, sectarianism and personal attributions/ Simon Haddad

Defense & Security Analysis : Vol.33, Issue. 3, 2017, pp.242-262 (94)

The objective of the research is to examine Lebanese Sunni Muslims views of Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIS).

ISLAMIC STATE

UK ceases training Syrian rebels/ Tim Ripley

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 34, 23 August 2017, p.7 (122)

Teams of British soldier training Syrian rebels to fight the Islamic State have been withdrawn from Turkey and Jordan. It was announced in October 2016 that up to 20 British personnel would join the US-led effort to train "members of vetted moderate Syrian opposition groups" to fight the Islamic State that was started in July 2016. The author reports.

KOREA

Prospect theory and civil military conflict : the case of the 1976 Korean axe murder incident/ Gregory Winger

Armed Forces & Society: Vol. 43, No. 4, October 2017, pp.734-757 (3)

This article investigates the potential use of prospect theory to understand civil-military can lead civilian and military authorities to inhabit different frames of reference when confronting the same crisis.

KOREA

The secret to North Korea's ICBM success/ Michael Elleman

Survival : Vol.59, No.5, October-November 2017, pp.25-36 (106)

North Korea's missile programme has made astounding strides over the past two years. The success of the Hwasong 12 flight in May gave North Korean engineers the confidence needed to pursue a more ambitious goal the initial flight testing of a two stage missile capable of reaching the continental US.

Republic of Korea air force - one of the strongest in Asia/ Kym Bergmann

Defence Review Asia: Sept-Oct 2017, Vol. 11, No. 5, p.11 (146)

The air force of South Korea now constitutes a formidable deterrent in its own right against the North and it will become progressively stronger in the years to come. The North Korean air defence network relies on a large number of ex-soviet radars and missiles.

LOGISTICS

21st century logistics : designing and developing capabilities/ Michael G Dana

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.101, No.10, October 2017, pp.12-15 (71)

This article is to outline the hybrid logistics vision. The thoughts of every marine, sailor and civilian marine to turn the hybrid logistics vision into an actionable concept.

MALAYSIA

Malaysia : more for surface fleet/ Akma Ali bin Sahrizan

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.1, 2017, pp.66-67 (41)

Achieving greater influence in the region, the royal Malaysian navy is turning its attention to what the surface fleet can contribute in a system of systems approach that complements existing capacities.

MARITIME PATROL

China's growing airborne maritime patrol and anti-submarine warfare capabilities/ Guy Martin

Defence Review Asia: Sept-Oct 2017, Vol. 11, No. 5, pp.16-18 (146)

China in line with its ambitious maritime expansion and modernisation efforts have been made with a growing number of modern types in active service. China is one of the few countries in the world to operate amphibious aircraft.

Maritime patrol aircraft growing regional needs/ Dzirhan Mahadzir

Defence Review Asia: Sept-Oct 2017, Vol. 11, No. 5, pp.29-31 (146)

In South East Asia the need for maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) to patrol both territorial waters and EEZs has become more pronounced.

MEDIA

New media and governance in conflict/ Gianluca Lazzolino

Third World Quarterly : Vol.38, No.10, 2017, pp.2242-2257 (101)

This article has challenged normative approaches to government communication, conflict and democratisation by questioning a rigid formal/informal bifurcation of both governance and media and suggesting instead the need to take into account hybrid arrangements of governing structures involving leaders with heterogeneous and in some cases conflicting agendas.

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt reactivates airbase in the Sinai/ Jeremy Binnie

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 33, 16 August 2017, p.20 (122)

Egypt has reactivated Bir Gifgafa Air Base in the Sinai to operate UAVs and attack helicopters. The base is also being expanded so that it can operate fast jets.

MILITARY TECHNOLOGY

Russia's hypersonic cruise missile set to influence Asia Pacific region/ Debalina Ghoshal

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.1, 2017, pp.24-25 (41)

Emerging military technology is the development of hypersonic missiles, which have the capacity to alter the balance of power in the Asia Pacific.

MILITARY VEHICLES

Supporting Action/ Shaun Connors

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 34, 23 August 2017, pp.22-29 (122)

Military logistical equipment rarely grabs attention in the same way as armoured vehicles, but, against a backdrop of ageing vehicles fleets and shifting requirements, the author reports on major developments in the global military logistics market and why a truck is much more than just a truck.

MISCELLANEOUS

Stealthy Evolution: Hackers develop new malware command-and-control methods/ Rodrigo Bijou

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.50-53 (123)

Under the pressure from law enforcement agencies and security researchers, hackers are experimenting with increasingly novel command-and-control structures for malware. The author assesses some of the techniques that have been uncovered and examines the implications for the authorities.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hope resurfaces in search for MH370/ Mavis Toh

Flight International: 22 August - 04 September 2017, p.6 (65)

Analysis of satellite imagery allows investigators to identify potential final resting spot of missing Malaysia Airlines jet, it may lie just north of the previous search area.

MH17 investigation receives decoded Russian radar data David Kaminski Morrow

Flight International: 05 - 11 September 2017, p.12 (65)

Raw information was not initially supplied in internationally-recognised "Asterix" format.

MYANMAR

Myanmar's double transition/ Alexander Dukalskis

Asian Survey: Vol.57 No.4, July/August 2017, pp.716-737 (12)

This article analyzes 'double transition' how political liberalization has shaped the peace process. It elaborates six ways that liberalization has influenced the quest for peace.

NAVAL

Even keel: Australia's formerly troubled Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) programme finally delivers highly capable combatants/ Julian Kerr

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 37, 13 September 2017, pp.24-30 (122)

In some respects Australia's AWD programme can be likened to a horse race involving a surprise entry, several stumbles along the way, but a strong finish. The author tracks its progress in this article.

NETWORK CENTRIC WARFARE

Network-centric warfare : do new electronic warfare capabilities threaten operations?/ Geoff Slocombe

Defence Review Asia: Sept-Oct 2017, Vol. 11, No. 5, pp.12-15 (146)

NCW enables command and control to be decentralised to a lower level enabling faster and more effective responses to developing situations.

NORTH KOREA

North Korean politics/ Seung-Yeol Lee

Asian Perspective Vol.41, No. 3, 2017, pp.431-454 (11)

System transition in North Korea may unfold in one of two ways gradual transition with the maintenance of the Suryong (supreme leader) system of communist power or radical system accompanied by sudden political change.

North Korea conducts its sixth, largest nuclear test /Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 37, 13 September 2017, p.6 (122)

In this article the author reports North Korea carried out its sixth and largest nuclear test on 3 September. Pyongyang claims to have tested a hydrogen bomb designed to be mounted on an intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Reaching flashpoint/ Arun Sivasankaran

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.24, September 2017, pp.24-25 (130)

North Korea ratchets its provocative actions up another level by launching an intermediate-range ballistic missile over Japan.

NORTH KOREA

The reunification option/ James Kitfield

Air Force Magazine: October/November 2017, pp.52-56 (58)

The article highlights on reunification southern style and reunification northern style. With the US and North Korea on a collision course that would threaten Pyongyang's survival some experts are thinking anew about reunifying the Peninsula.

PEACEKEEPING

Peacekeeping from Ocenia : perspectives from Australia, New Zealand and Fiji/ Derek McDougall

Round Table: Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs : Vol. 106, No 4, August 2017, pp.453-466 (100)

This article gives an overview of the involvement of Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in peacekeeping operations with attention to motives experience and lessons learnt.

Bomb threats and reports of suspicious items in the Philippines: spatial and temporal patterns/ Dan Jerome S Barrera

Security Journal : Vol 30, No 3, 2017, pp.665-685 (48)

This study argues that the bombs threats and reports of suspicious items are non-random events in space and time. The study explores the spatial and temporal patterns of the phenomena in the Philippines from January 2010 to April 2014.

PHILIPPINES

Peace process remains in Limbo

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 : Vol.28, Issue 11, November 2017, pp.6-7 (49)

BMI view: the ongoing battle against IS-affiliated Islamist militants in Marawi city.

PROTEST

Emergency break: Ethiopia to review state of emergency/ Jordan Anderson and Graham Lee

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.32-35 (123)

The government is set to review Ethiopia's state of emergency, which has curbed violent protests at the cost of increasing militant violence in the Amhara region. The authors assess the government's response to social protests since 2015 and the outlook for stability in Ethiopia.

RUSSIA

Iron fist: National Guard's influence grows in Russia/ Mark Galeotti

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.36-41 (123)

The creation of new National Guard in 2016 brings almost 200,000 security personnel and special police under the control of Vladimir Putin's loyal allies. The author assesses what the National Guard means for state stability and the security services in Russia. The outlook for the National Guard will depend primarily on the extent to which Vladimir Putin continues to regard domestic unrest and potential rivals within Russia's elite as the main threats to his position.

SAUDI ARABIA

Ballistic Persistence: Yemeni rebels enhance ballistic missile campaign/ Jeremy Binnie

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.46-49 (123)

Yemen-based rebels have launched numerous ballistic missile attacks against Saudi Arabia since the outbreak of conflict in 2015. The author traces the origin and evolution of their arsenal, and assesses how rebel forces are sustaining their campaign and the course it may take in the future.

SECURITY

M15 and the cold war in South -East Asia : examining the performance of security intelligence Far East (SIFE), 1946-1963/ Alexander Nicholas Shaw

Intelligence and National Security: Vol.32, No.6, October 2017, pp.797-816 (99)

This article responds to growing interest in theatre-level intelligence organisation and the importance of intelligence to Britain's cold war and decolonisation by examining the performance of SIFE.(Security Intelligence Far East)

SINGAPORE

Halimah emerging as frontrunner but with no guaranteed

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 : Vol.28, Issue 10, October 2017 , pp.10-11 (49)

BMI view there are three potential candidates for Singapore's presidential election. Halimah Yacob being the current frontrunner. As the presidency is a ceremonial post in Singapore the presidential election will have a limited impact on the country's political stability.

Island ambition: Singapore's navy charts its course amid an increasingly uncertain future/ Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.122, Issue 7, September 2017, p.30-35 (124)

The Republic of Singapore Navy has made the transition from a service with only two seaworthy boats into Southeast Asia's most modern fleet in less than 50 years. The author looks at how it aims to trail blaze its way through the next half century by pioneering operating concepts and embracing technological innovations, while overcoming challenges that stand in the way of this ambition.

SINGAPORE

Republic of Singapore navy/ Max Blade

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.II, 2017, pp.68-72 (41)

The republic of Singapore's navy has become a world class networked three dimensional navy arguably deploying the most modern warships and submarines in the region.. Modernisation continues as 50th anniversary approaches.

SURVEILANCE

The surveillance nobody can talk about / Stewart Mitchell

PC Pro - London Issue 276 October 2017, pp.14-15 (84)

The secret services are demanding more information than ever from broadband providers, as the author reveals they're not allowed to even talk about it

SYRIA

Israel targets Syrian weapon factory/ Jeremy Binnie

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 37, 13 September 2017, p.4 (122)

The Israeli Air Force appears to have hit a Syrian weapon development and production facility on 7 September. Israeli officials have been warning that Syrian facilities are being used to produce weapons for Hizbullah.

TERRORISM

Lebanese operation ends in controversy/ Nicholas Blanford

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 36, 6 September 2017, p.24 (122)

A Hizbullah ceasefire deal that gave dozens of Islamic State militants safe passage to eastern Syria has marred a successful Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) offensive and raised speculation over future US military support. The remaining militants have been given safe passage to eastern Syria.

TERRORISM

Fertile ground: Sweden confronts the lone-actor terrorist threat/ Michael Jonsson

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.16-19 (123)

Sweden suffered its first lethal Islamist terrorist attack in April. The author examines the scale of threat to the country and the challenges that the security services face, amid increasing domestic radical Islamism and a growing conflict zone returnee threat.

Constructing expertise: terrorist recruitment and talent spotting in the PIRA, al Qaeda and ISIS/ Moe Bloom

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.40, No 7,8,9, July, August, September 2017, pp. 603-623 (114)

Case studies of three different terrorist organizations (Al Qaeda, the Islami State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and the provisional Irish republican army (PIRA) presented posit that there exists a terrorism 'recruitment cycle' that alternates between labor and expertise focus uses different recruitment strategies.

Old becomes new again : kidnappings by Daesh and other Slafi-Jihadists in the twenty-first century/ R Kim Cragin

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.40, No 7,8,9, July, August, September 2017, pp. 665-683 (114)

This article argues that additional changes should be made to US counterterrorism policy to account for recent shifts in terrorist decision making on foreign hostages.

THAILAND

Comparing Aceh and Thailand's southern border provinces/ Chantira Na Thalang

Asian Survey: Vol.57 No.4, July/August 2017, pp.690-715 (12)

The article examines how both structural and agential factors have influenced the trajectory of the peace processes in Aceh and in Thailand's southern border provinces.

UNITED KINGDOM

Heading for Brexit/ Tim Ripley

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 36, 6 September 2017, pp.32-39 (122)

Almost two years on from its last Strategic Defense and Security Review, the UK government is again looking at its Defence priorities. The author examines the issues in this article.

UNITED STATES

Future Vision of US Marine Corps/ Anika Torruella

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 36, 6 September 2017, pp.40-46 (122)

From humanitarian assistance to joint forcible entry, the US Marine Corps has embarked upon a significant transition that embraces information warfare and a return to combined arms to adapt to the unpredictable shifts and ever-changing character of future warfare. The author reports.

Sting taken out of navy's MQ-25 plan/ Lain Giangreco

Flight International: 19 - 25 September 2017, p.8 (65)

Service restricts its requirements for unmanned platform to carrier-based tanker mission, as it looks to control costs

UNITED STATES

America first, but where does that leave the rest of the world?

The World Today: Vol 73, No. 5, October/November 2017, pp. 10 - 18 (57)

The article highlights a volatile America offers Beijing both riches and risks and mixed messages over Qatar raise questions in the gulf about whether Trump is really the kind of strongman.

VIETNAM

Competing claims: Vietnam defends its claims in the South China Sea/ Bill Hayton

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 8, August 2017, pp.6-11, pp.30-31 (123)

Vietnam has responded to Beijing's assertiveness in the South China Sea by strengthening its military capabilities. In this article the author examines several factors that could drive the two countries into a conflict over access to strategic features and marine resources.

Tensions with China running high but no armed conflict

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 : Vol.28, Issue 11, November 2017, pp.7-8 (49)

BMI view : tensions between Vietnam and China have soared to a three year high after a series of maritime spats in the South China Sea.

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