

ACHEH

When peace leads to divorce : the splintering of rebel groups in power sharing agreements/ Friedrich Plank

Civil Wars : Vol.19, No.2, June 2017, pp.176-197 (110)

This paper argues that the content of an agreement is crucial for the cohesion of a signatory rebel group since these are strongly affected by resource distribution and the way in which the underlying conflict is managed

ACQUISITION

Wheels of fortune: militaries trend towards 8x8 infantry fighting vehicle/ Christopher F Foss

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: October 2017, Vol.50, p.38-43 (120)

A number of militaries are shifting from tracked IFVs to 8x8 wheeled platforms. This article explores global offerings of such platforms.

AIR NAVAL

Carrier comeback - naval air power/ Richard Scott

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 42, 18 October 2017, pp.22-28 (122)

Established and emerging maritime powers are continuing to invest in big-deck aircraft carriers. The author reports.

ASEAN

ASEAN into the future : need for leadership/ Ong Keng Yong

RSIS Commentary: 7 August 2017, No 148 (F31)

ASEAN at 50 is at crossroads. Going forward the regional grouping has to confront new challenges even as the traditional ones remain a preoccupation.

ASEAN

Is ASEAN a community/ Barry Desker

RSIS Commentary: 2 August 2017, No 145 (F31)

ASEAN celebrates its 50th anniversary it is instructive to ask whether the grouping has achieved its primary goal of creating an ASEAN community

US strategy in the South China Sea : five pillars for a proposed Trump plan/ Joseph Chinyong Liow

RSIS Commentary: 2 August 2017, No 144 (F31)

Analysts have lamented the lack of strategic vision in the Trump administration's approach to the South China Sea. A strategy can be crafted on five pillars, international law, deterrence, incentives, diplomatic engagement and keeping an ASEAN focus.

Strategic mix/ Lee Willett

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.V, 2017, pp.68-69 (41)

ASEAN naval modernisation blends high and low end capabilities.

The Korean crisis : time for ASEAN to play a role/ Richard Javad Heydarian

RSIS Commentary: 29 September 2017, No 180 (F31)

Notwithstanding its institutional weaknesses ASEAN is in a unique position to play a role in the brewing crisis in North Korea by bringing conflicting parties back to the negotiating table.

ASEAN

Beyond 50 : ASEAN's role in the evolving regional order/ David Han

RSIS Commentary: 4 September 2017, No 159 (F31)

Reflect on ASEAN's achievements and then look ahead to its future. Will the organisation's flexibility in meeting future geo-political, security, social, and economic challenges ensure its centrality in the evolving regional order?

ASIA PACIFIC

Exclusive economic zone

Indo-Asia Pacific Defence Forum: Vol 42, No. 3, 2017, pp. 48-49 (F5)

This highlights the value that New Zealand puts into its participation in multilateral engagements and regional security forums

Trump and the Asia Pacific : do the ties still blind/ Mark Beeson

Current History: September 2017, pp.235-240 (20)

America's relationships with the countries of the Asia Pacific region will not only held to determine the success or failure of the Trump administration's foreign policies but they will also place powerful constraints on domestic policy.

Strength on the surface/ Lee Willett

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 6, October 2017, pp.32-34 (60)

Naval orders of battle are on the rise in the Asia Pacific. Mounting tensions over territory resources and state on state rivalries at sea are prompting Asia Pacific navies to boost capability to support higher end operations.

ASIA PACIFIC

We want what you have/ Beth Stevenson

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 6, October 2017, pp.46-50 (60)

The article highlights the demand for unmanned aerial technology in the Asia Pacific as territorial disputes and large EEZs (Exclusive Economic Zones) are leading nations to explore easier ways of monitoring their lands and waters.

CHINA

China's : anti-ship ballistics missiles and spheres of influence/ Scott Devary

Indo-Asia Pacific Defence Forum: Vol 42, No. 3, 2017, pp. 51-57 (F5)

China's emerging missile strategy will be marked by increased shooter survivability, enhanced operational flexibility and significantly greater reach and precision.

Discipline and power : knowledge of China in political science/ Lin Chun

Critical Asian Studies: Vol 49 No 4, December 2017, pp.501-522 (95)

This article identifies inherent biases in the discipline and shows how the dominant disciplinary approach to Chinese politics has largely remained focused on validating questionable political-scientific tenets.

CHINA

Undersea dragon: Advancing China's ASW capabilities/ Kelvin Wong

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: September 2017, Vol.50, pp.42-47 (120)

Although the People's Liberation Army Navy has grown significantly in terms of size and strength, its ability to counter undersea threats remained modest until recently. This article tracks how the service's anti-submarine warfare capabilities have expanded from coastal defence to blue-water operations.

Peninsula pressure - China maintains contingencies for North Korean instability/ Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 9, September 2017, pp.26 - 29 pp.32 - 33 (123)

The belief that China has the ability to put decisive pressure on North Korea underpins much of the region's policymaking. This article examines the extent to which North Korea is dependent on China in a range of areas, and assesses how the relationship is likely to evolve in future.

Strategic contours of china's arms exports/ Michael Raska

RSIS Commentary: 11 September 2017, No 165 (F31)

China's global geopolitical aspirations backed by growing economic clout, shape the direction and character of its military technological choices and China's strategic interest to strengthen its position in global arms markets.

CHINA

Party line - Chinese legislation points to new intelligence co-ordinating system/ Samantha Hoffman

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.26 - 29 (123)

China's new National Intelligence Law includes provisions pointing to the establishment of a new intelligence co-ordinating mechanism. This article examines the significance of this development in the context of the ongoing evolution of China's intelligence apparatus.

Strategic arena: naval presence focuses international spotlight on Baltic Sea/ Dr Lee Willett

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.122, Issue 8, October 2017, p.20-27 (124)

Recent months have seen NATO and Chinese naval task groups exercising in the Baltic Sea, while the Russian navy is also operating some of its newest ships there. This article considers the strategic importance of the Baltic Sea's naval developments.

New Zealand's strategic context : one or many scenarios?/ Stephen Hoadley

New Zealand International Review: Vol 42 No 6, November 2017, pp.14-17 (82)

Six strategic scenarios have emerged, two driven by the United States and one each by Europe, Russia and China and one by diverse anarchic forces. Five principle actors and summarise their strategic views ten suggest the world can adapt to them as best to achieve strategic aims and how the government can pursue New Zealand's national interests.

CHINA

The clock is ticking in China : the decade of concern has begun/ Jim Fanell

Proceedings US Naval Institute : October 2017, pp.10-11 (86)

The 90th anniversary of the founding of the people's liberation army (PLA). 12,000 soldiers, airmen, sailors, rocket and strategic support troops at the Zhurihe military training base 205 miles northwest of Beijing. President Xi stated China needs to build strong armed forces more than any other time in history.

CYBER

AI: the force multiplier/ Megan Gates

Security Management: September 2017, pp.32-35 (92)

The article highlights artificial intelligence could create a world where human abilities are amplified including analysts ability to detect and respond to cyber threats.

Australia government-initiated cyber security projects/ Geoff Slocombe

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : November 2017, Vol.43, No.9, pp.40-42 (9)

Australia has embraced computer technology and the internet as a means of ensuring efficient administration, business growth and national prosperity. The prime minister launched the government's new cyber security strategy.

CYBER

Communicating cyber intelligence to non-technical customers/ Brian H Nussbaum

International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence: Vol 30, No 4, Winter 2017-2018, pp. 743-764 (117)

Cyber analysts face a series of very challenging problems regarding how to best communicate technical information to non-technical consumers who both make and enforce policy and deal with the aftermath of cyber incidents.

CYBER SECURITY

North Korean hackers reportedly stole US-South Korea wartime operational plan/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 42, 18 October 2017, p.5 (122)

Hackers broke into South Korea's Defense Integrated Data Centre in September to steal classified files believed to be the latest US-South Korean operational blueprint for a potential all-out war with Pyongyang among others.

Critical component - cybersecurity/ Gerrard Cowan

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 42, 18 October 2017, pp.30-32 (122)

Cyber Security is no longer viewed as a separate element of the defence business, but is a fundamental component of every platform and service. The author investigates.

CYBER SECURITY

Mobilising defence networks in preparation for cyber warfare/ Joe Kim

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 41, 11 October 2017, p.23 (122)

Rapidly evolving technology and the changing methodology of hackers makes defending against cyber-attacks a moving challenge. In this article the author explains why government approaches to cyber security should be proactive.

Side effects - Side-channel attacks pose growing threat to secrecy/ Yossi Oren

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 9, September 2017, pp.48 - 52 (123)

Side-channel analysis is a powerful cryptanalytic technique that aims to extract secret information from the physical emanations of an otherwise secure device. This article examines the mechanics of side-channel attacks, how they are likely to evolve, and what defence options exist.

Uncertain strategy - Brazil struggles with effective cyber-crime response/ Robert Muggah

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.50 - 53 (123)

The risk of cyber crime is growing in Brazil amid a debate over the balance between security and privacy. This article analyse the nature of the threat and consider the response of the state in a climate of significant economic and political uncertainty.

CYBER SECURITY

Surfing safely - Best practice emerges for cyber-threat research/ Rodrigo Bijou

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.54 - 57 (123)

The ubiquity of digital communications is expanding the range of analyst roles that require research into cyber threats. This article examines the best practice for conducting this research and providing assessments for strategic and operational decision makers.

DIRECTORY

World airliner directory, special report - New arrivals/ Craig Hoyle

Flight International: 24 - 30 October 2017, pp.24-33 (65)

Part one of Flight International's annual review of the world's commercial aircraft programmes begin with mainliner offerings.

GLOBAL WARMING

Clearing channels - Ice melt opens up increased Arctic maritime and military activity/ Dr Jeffrey Mazo and Dr Lee Willett

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 9, September 2017, pp.6 - 15 pp.30 - 31 (123)

The prospect of global warming leading to ice-free navigation in the Arctic Ocean raises commercial opportunities as well as the risks of military conflict. This article examines the long-term indicators of inter-state competition as Russia expands its military footprint in the region.

INDONESIA

Subversion in Indonesian waters/ Marco Giulio Barone

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.V, 2017, pp.78-79 (41)

Naval forces a profile based on exclusive observations and analyses of the Indonesian navy's 'clurit' class fast attack craft and its spin-offs.

China in Indonesia's foreign policy : maintaining a non-balancing posture/ Emira Adi Syailendra

RSIS Commentary: 14 September 2017, No 168 (F31)

While lack of elite consensus in Indonesia is impeding a stronger balancing policy towards China, Jakarta is continuing its traditional posture of non-balancing

ISLAMIC STATE

Philippine militancy shows weakness in regional intelligence co-ordination

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 9, September 2017, p.4 (123)

The persistence of the fighting in Marawi and pledges of allegiance to the IS by several Philippine militant groups suggest that the IS could seek to re-establish itself as a territorial entity in Southeast Asia. The article suggests, the destruction of IS in Iraq and Syria will lead to increasing number of jihadists and foreign fighters travelling to Southeast Asia. A regional strategy must be sought to reduce the threat posed by transnational militancy in the region.

JAPAN

Policy failure scandals as political scandals in Japan/ Matthew Carlson

Asian Survey: Vol.57 No.5, September/October 2017, pp.933-953 (12)

The purpose of this paper is to focus more narrowly on some of the dynamics of major policy failure scandals and how changes in the party

Will the sun set on air superiority?/ Justin Bronk

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 4, June/July 2017, pp.36-40 (60)

Japan possesses one of the most capable air forces in the Asia Pacific alongside the people's Republic of China (PRC) and the United States.

KOREA

Fighting the Korean war in pacifist Japan : Korean and Japanese leftist solidarity and American cold war containment/ Deokhyo Choi

Critical Asian Studies: Vol 49 No 4, December 2017, pp.546-568 (95)

This article shows how the Korean war was fought in Pacifist Japan and illuminates how the practice of cold war containment was mutually linked on the ground between occupied Japan and South Korea.

KOREA

Changing strategies/ Stephen W Miller

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 6, October 2017, pp.36-38 (60)

The republic of Korea's armed forces trace their origin to 1948. Since 1953 ceasefire the ROK has been building what is acknowledged to be one of the world's best trained and equipped militaries.

MALAYSIA

Tide over for Malaysia's LCS and LMS programmes/ Dzirhan Mahadzir

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.V, 2017, p.7 (41)

In 2019 the Royal Malaysian navy (RMN) is scheduled to debut the first ships for two new ship classes.

Malaysia employs sea bases to guard against terror threats

Indo-Asia Pacific Defence Forum: Vol 42, No. 3, 2017, pp. 21-23 (F5)

The article highlights one of the claimants to the throne of the Sulu sultanate tried to assert an unresolved territorial claim of Philippines to eastern Sabah in Malaysia.

The government's business : politics, policies and corporate development in Malaysia/ Edmund Terence Gomez

Round Table: Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs : Vol, 106, No 5, October 2017, pp.577-578 (100)

The issue is important as rapidly developing Asian economies such as China and Vietnam along with highly industrialised Malaysia and Singapore are what political scientists refer to as single dominant party states.

MALAYSIA

Malaysia agrees 'no find, no fee' deal for MH370 search/ Greg Waldron

Flight International: 31 October - 06 November 2017, p.12 (65)

Seabed explorer Ocean Infinity will cover areas deemed more likely after imagery review.

New perspectives on Malaysia and a rising China : essays honouring Lee Poh Ping/ Kevin Hewison

Journal of Contemporary Asia : Vol.47, No. 5, December 2017, pp.679-686 (107)

This article links some of the key themes of Professor Lee's research and publications to the themes of the six articles which is concerned with the rise of China and the various impacts Malaysia's political economy.

MARITIME

In the long haul : sustaining the INDOMALPHI trilateral maritime and air patrols in the Sulu/Celebes seas/ Collin Swee Lean Koh

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.V, 2017, p.6 (41)

The INDOMALPHI framework is model led in part on the proven MSP concept albeit with essential adaptations to context

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Doctor and the medic/ Andrew White

Armada International :

October/November 2017 Issue 05, pp.42-48 (2)

Responding to emerging requirements in battlefield medicine associated with increases in expeditionary deployments. The latest trends in battlefield medicine range from next generation pharmacology solutions aimed at preventing the onset symptoms which can negate the effects or even cancel a mission.

MIDDLE EAST

Desert island defence - Bahraini defence procurement/ Charles Forrester

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 40,

04 October 2017, p.8 (122)

Bahrain's complex security landscape means that the country has to deal with domestic tensions while also participating in coalition operations that help secure the Gulf's interests against Iranian influence and the threat posed by Islamic State. As a result, the country's equipment capabilities and needs are varied, the author reports.

Peshmerga looks weak after loss of Kirkuk/ Jeremy Binnie

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 43,

25 October 2017, p.18 (122)

Peshmerga (military forces of the federal region of Iraqi Kurdistan) personnel fled Kirkuk even though its commanders said the city would be defended. The multi-ethnic northern city of Kirkuk has been held by Peshmerga since June 2014, when government forces collapsed in northern Iraq in the face of an offensive by Islamic State militants. The retreat has been blamed on a secret deal under which some Peshmerga units surrendered their positions.

MIDDLE EAST

Gulf Ascending - Gulf Co-operation Council air power/ Charles Forrester

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 43,

25 October 2017, pp.22-28 (122)

Air forces in the Gulf region have begun to use their offensive air capabilities while also building up and modernising their inventories.

Scenarios, cold shoulder - Gulf neighbours move to isolate Qatar/ Meda Al-Rowas and Jack Kennedy

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29,

Issue 9, September 2017, pp.22 - 25 (123)

The sudden imposition of an embargo on Qatar by Saudi Arabia and the UAE, plus Bahrain and Egypt, represents a serious threat to its stability. This article examine three scenarios for the evolution of a prolonged stand-off with broader implication for the region.

Determined nation - Kurdish referendum provides step towards independence/ Barak Barfi

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29,

Issue 9, September 2017, pp.34 - 37 (123)

Incremental progress is being made towards Kurdish self-determination in northern Iraq, although the timelines are uncertain. This article lays out the political, diplomatic and economic challenges that any future state would face in its struggle to move away from Baghdad's tutelage.

MIDDLE EAST

Fractured Future - Iraq and Syria conflicts threaten to reshape regional map/ Jonathan Spyer

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.6 - 13 pp.30 - 31 (123)

Conflict in the Middle East is fracturing nation states along ethnic, religious and political lines. This article considers the factors that are influencing how the map of the Middle East might begin to change if current pressures on borders persist.

Mean streets - Iraq expands focus to organised crime/ Jack Watling

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.42 - 45 (123)

As the Islamic State's territorial control recedes in Iraq, military-led counter-insurgency operations are likely to be accompanied by police-led security efforts. This article analyses how the authorities will expand efforts to counter organised crime even as the insurgency continues.

The socialization of military power : security cooperation and doctrine development through multinational military exercise/ Derrick V Frazier

Defence Studies: Vol 17, No. 4, December 2017, pp. 379-397 (105)

An analysis of various multinational and coalition partner efforts to identify security threats and cooperate through the development of common doctrine at the strategic operational and tactical levels of warfare.

MISCELLANEOUS

Punching above their weight - the role of small nations in global operations/ Gerrard Cowan

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 31, 02 August 2017, pp.20-26 (122)

The United States, China, Russia, and other large nations are the world's greatest military powers, acting as the dominant players in their regions and beyond. However smaller nations make a range of significant contributions, particularly in their work with multilateral institutions and military missions. This article investigates.

Secretive seminars - Academia vies for policy attention with intelligence community/ Jose-Miguel Palacios

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 9, September 2017, pp.54 - 57 (123)

Despite a high degree of crossover in their work, academics and intelligence professionals still struggle to work together on day-to-day issues. This article examines some of the reasons for this divergence and assesses how the relationship is likely to develop.

Scenarios, prime candidate - Sudanese presidential succession poses risks to stability/ Chris Suckling

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.22 - 25 (123)

After 27 years as president, Omar al-Bashir announced in April 2016 that he would leave office ahead of the 2020 election. This article examines the likelihood that Bashir's preferred successor, General Bakri Hassan Saleh, will be able to take power and continue his policies.

NAVIGATION

Underwater obstacle: Addressing the autonomous underwater vehicles (AUV)/ Huw Williams

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: October 2017, Vol.50, p.44-49 (120)

Navigating in the subsurface environment presents a number of difficulties for AUVs, this article explores some of the approaches employed.

NORTH KOREA

Fire and fury/ Alix Valenti

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVIII, No.V, 2017, pp.72-75 (41)

Naval forces looks at the modernisation programmes undertaken by South Korean to counter its neighbour's increasing submarine launched ballistic missile threat.

Missile threat & counter-threat - escalating tensions in Northeast Asia/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 38, 20 September 2017, pp.20-27 (122)

As North Korea continues to develop and test nuclear weapons and ballistic missile systems, neighbouring Japan and South Korea are enhancing their capabilities to counter the growing military threat from Pyongyang. This article examines the latest developments.

North Korea accuses Trump of 'declaring war'/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 40, 04 October 2017, p.8 (122)

Pyongyang says the US has declared war and as such reserves the right to shoot down US bombers flying in the vicinity of North Korea.

NORTH KOREA

KAI refines final configuration of KFX/ Gareth Jennings

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 41, 11 October 2017, pp.24-30 (122)

Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) is making the final refinements to the configurations of its Korean Fighter Experimental. A preliminary design review is planned in June 2018.

Kim's new posture/ Yossef Bodansky

Defense and Foreign Affairs Strategic Policy: 9, 2017, p.9 (22)

The message of these reports was that the long term viability of the Kim dynasty and state was now secured against both domestic and foreign threats.

Spotlight on the Republic of Korea/ Robert Czulda

Military Technology: Vol. XLI, Issue 10 2017, pp.46-49 (38)

North Korea is forcing South Korea to modernise its armed forces at an accelerated pace while spending increases for structural changes.

Trump, Kim make nuclear crisis personal

Arms Control Today: Vol. 47 No. 8, October 2017, pp.17-20 (5)

The Trump administration is seeking to use increasing pressure from tightening economic sanctions, influence from China and the threat of military action to force North Korea to negotiate denuclearization.

NUCLEAR

Nuclear schism - New treaty challenges global nuclear order/ Paul Meyer

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.46 - 49 (123)

A legal nuclear weapons ban has been approved by states frustrated with a lack of progress towards global disarmament. This article examines the treaty, its origins, and its potential effect on the existing nuclear order.

PHILIPPINE

Poor performance - Marawi siege highlights need for Philippine intelligence reform/ Alex Barnes

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.32 - 35 (123)

The Marawi City siege exposed weaknesses in the Philippines' intelligence architecture, its military doctrine, and the training of forces. This article examines the government's response and the outlook for the terrorist threat in the region as the Islamic State loses its territorial holdings in Iraq and Syria.

RUSSIA

NATO gleans preliminary lessons after observing Russia's 'Zapad' exercise/ Brooks Tigner

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 40, 04 October 2017, p.6 (122)

NATO Officials are reviewing what can be learnt from Russia's 'Zapad 2017' exercise regarding Russian strategy and tactics.

SEA POWER

Amphibious sustained reach/ Lee Willett

Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 7, November 2017, pp.30-33 (60)

Amphibious platforms are generally procured to support higher-end operations, principally the need to project power ashore from the sea with military force deployed over the beach by helicopter and or landing aircraft

SINGAPORE

Indonesia -Singapore relations : the next 50 years/ Keoni Marzuki

RSIS Commentary: 25 August 2017, No 154 (F31)

Indonesia-Singapore relations, after initial uncertainties and suspicions have matured in the past 50 years. What lessons can be derived for relations for the next five decades.

Abu Uqayl : bringing the threat closer to home/ Remy Mahzam

RSIS Commentary: 28 September 2017, No 178 (F31)

ISIS video featuring a Singaporean terrorist fighter for the first time attests to the unceasing terrorist that confronting Southeast Asia including Singapore.

SINGAPORE

Singaporean fighter in IS global strategy : shift from core to periphery/ Rohan Gunaratna

RSIS Commentary: 26 September 2017, No 175(F31)

IS fighters in Syria and Iraq are calling for global support to strengthen IS bridgeheads in their own regions. For the first time a Singaporean features in IS propaganda

Singapore-Indonesia defence relations : key building block of bilateral partnership/ Leonard C Sebastian

RSIS Commentary: 7 September 2017, No 162 (F31)

It is a relationship based on mutual trust and respect that has allowed both militaries to work well together. Both defence establishments enjoy extensive interaction across the three services and at all levels

Indonesia-Singapore relations : between new order and reformasi era/ Jonathan Chen

RSIS Commentary: 6 September 2017, No 161 (F31)

As Singapore and Indonesia celebrate their relations that span 50 years there are striking changes in ties between Suharto's new order and the reformasi state.

SOUTH CHINA SEA

International peer pressure

Indo-Asia Pacific Defence Forum: Vol 42, No. 3, 2017, pp. 24-27 (F5)

Greenpeace case resembles South China Sea dispute. A case study for looking at how international legal rulings can pressure powerful countries into resolving disputes began in the rice cold waters of the barents sea north of Russia,

SOUTH KOREA

A new president aims to change South Korea's course/ David C Kang

Current History: September 2017, pp.217-222 (20)

The article highlights the president task is complicated by the unpredictability of the Trump administration. Moon will need to provide clear and vigorous leadership on both domestic and foreign fronts.

What really worries South Koreans : Trump/ Norman Pearistine

Time: Vol 190, No.14, 09 October 2017, p.20 (135)

South Korea's growth story is the envy of the developing world. To forestall that possibility and to bolster its crucial East Asian alliances the U S may want to consider putting tactical nuclear weapons of its own in South Korea.

Sikorsky powering up for naval battle/ Greg Waldon

Flight International: 24 - 30 October 2017, p.10 (65)

Heightened regional tension could favour US company's MH-60R, as anti-submarine warfare role gains importance.

Seoul prepares to launch ASW contest.

Flight International: 24 - 30 October 2017, p.18 (65)

Boeing puts P-8A Poseidon on show amid industry expectations of formal request to counter North's underwater threat.

SOUTH KOREA

Missile defense and strategic stability : terminal high altitude defense (THAAD) in South Korea/ Jagannath Sankaran

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.38, No.3, December 2017, pp.321-344(104)

This paper examines the various factors that have influenced South Korean decision to deploy THAAD in its territory. The fourth section will examine the complicated relationship between South Korea and China.

TERRORISM

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

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 9, September 2017, pp.16 - 17 (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 - July to August 2017

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 9, September 2017, pp.18 - 21 (123)

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

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Brace for trouble - Italy seeks strategy for countering violent extremism/ Roberto Fallini

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10, October 2017, pp.18 - 21 (123)

Despite its size and geography, Italy has been spared from the wave of Islamist terrorists attacks affecting many other European countries. This article assesses the reasons for this good fortune, and examines the measures that Italian authorities are taking to counter violent terrorism.

THAILAND

Thailand seeks to buy new attack helos/ Jon Grevatt

*IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 42,
18 October 2017, p.16 (122)*

The Royal Thai Army (RTA) plans to acquire new combat helicopters. The platforms are set to replace the RTA's fleet of Bell AH-1F Cobras.

THAILAND

Moving up the value chain - Thai military modernisation/ Jon Grevatt

*IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 41,
11 October 2017, pp.24-30 (122)*

Thailand is pursuing a military modernisation programme aimed at boosting its regional profile and supporting wide-ranging capability advancement.

Thailand's spending spree/ Andrew Drwiega

*Asian Military Review : Vol.25, Issue 7,
November 2017, pp.6-15 (60)*

Thai government being controlled by national council for peace and order (NCPO) the military spending on a range of hardware across all services has increased a trend that looks set to continue.

UNITED KINGDOM

Rotary role: Exploring Queen Elizabeth-class's (QEC) Landing Platform Helicopter utility/ Giles Ebbutt

*IHS Jane's International Defence Review:
September 2017, Vol.50, p.48-51 (120)*

With HMS Ocean, the Royal Navy's only dedicated helicopter carrier scheduled to leave service next year, the UK Royal Navy is set to press the QE class into service in its place.

UNITED STATES

USN destroyer shoots down missile during NATO drill/ Michael Fabey

*IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54, Issue 43,
25 October 2017, p.5 (122)*

The US Navy (USN) and Missile Defense Agency continued a successful run for Ballistic missile defence testing during a 15 October trial with an Aegis destroyer.

State of denial - US president spars with intelligence community/ JJ Green

*Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.29, Issue 10,
October 2017, pp.36 - 40 (123)*

Official investigations into alleged covert Russian interference in US politics have damaged relations between President Donald Trump and the US intelligence community. This article examines how the agencies are managing their turbulent relationship with the white house.

Preparing for the worst: Developing BMDS training scenarios/ Daniel Wasserbly and Geoff Fein

*IHS Jane's International Defence Review:
October 2017, Vol.50, p.60-65 (120)*

Defending the United States and its allies from a ballistic missile attack requires extensive training through modelling and simulation. This article explores what it takes to prepare the United States' BMDs operators.

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