

AFGHANISTAN

Endemic violence in Afghanistan : a socio-cultural perspectives/ Lise Waldek

The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism: Vol 13, No.2, July 2018, pp.216-250

This paper provides an overview into recent developments in the Afghan conflict and endemic violence plaguing the country. It argues that the almost exclusive focus on threats generated by the presence of organisations such as Al Qaeda and Islamic State.

ASEAN

Next steps for cyber norms in ASEAN/ Benjamin Ang

RSIS Commentary : No 174, 22 October 2018 (F31)

The ASEAN ministerial conference on cybersecurity agreed that Singapore would propose a mechanism to enhance ASEAN cyber coordination. To discuss cyber diplomacy policy and operational issues.

ASEAN

Sustainable development : can ASEAN lead the process?/ Kaewkamol Pitakdumrongkit

RSIS Commentary : No 168, 15 October 2018 (F31)

Enhancing ASEAN SD leadership collaboration SD can provide discussion platforms by summoning ASEAN member states and development partners to meet and exchange views regarding development.

An ASEAN way to prevent violent extremism/ Cameron Sumpter

RSIS Commentary : No 158, 28 September 2018 (F31)

The article highlights ASEAN chairmanship in 2018, Singapore is convening a Southeast Asia counter-terrorism symposium which will bring together regional thought leaders and emphasise the importance of building a collective approach.

ASEAN

After Marawi : time for broader ASEAN approach/ Joseph Franco

RSIS Commentary : No 156, 26 September 2018 (F31)

The article highlights ASEAN's push to create a resilient and networked community of peoples could manifest with states acting as enablers for joint initiatives.

ASIA PACIFIC

Innovation and terror : analysis of the use of social media by terror related groups in the Asia Pacific/ Julian Droogan

The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism: Vol 13, No.2, July 2018, pp.170-184

This paper examines three violent extremist related groups operating in Asia Pacific. The examination of the three Asia Pacific groups provides useful observations into the complexities of engaging in new operating environment.

Defining regional climate leadership: learning from comparative analysis in the Asia Pacific/ Kate Crowley

Journal of Comparative Policy analysis : Vol.20, No 4, August 2018, pp.387-403

This article develops the notion of regional climate leadership and construct a framework for comparative analysis distilled from the climate leadership and governance literatures that are specific to the Asia Pacific and focused on cooperation action.

CHINA

China's Uyghur problem after the 2009 Urumqi riot: repression, recompense, readiness, resistance/ Chien-Peng Chung

The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism: Vol 13, No.2, July 2018, pp.185-201

China's largely Turkic Muslim Xinjiang autonomous region has been considered by the national leadership as the country's frontline in the fight against separatist terrorism since 1990's.

CHINA

Democracy vs authoritarianism : how ideology shapes great power conflict/ Hal Brands

Survival: Vol.60, No.5, October- November 2018, pp.61-114 (106)

Russia and China are simultaneously seeking to improve the global outlook for authoritarianism seeking to improve the global outlook for authoritarianism via a second strategy building regional spheres of influence in which autocracy is privileged and protected.

Beyond the Kremlin's reach? Eastern Europe and China in the cold war/ Jan Zofka

Cold War History: Vol 18, No. 3, August 2018, pp.251-256

This issue examines relations between the people's republic of China and socialist Eastern Europe states during the cold war. The aim and the questions in this issue are part of broader debate about a socialist world beyond the Soviet bloc and about relations between the socialist camp and the global south. By focusing on transfers and interconnections and on the social dimension of government interactions.

CHINA

More than peripheral : how provinces influence China's foreign policy/ Audrye Wong

The China Quarterly: September 2018, No.235, pp.735-757 (17)

This analysis provides a more nuanced argument than is commonly found in international relations for the motivations behind the evolving and increasingly activist Chinese foreign policy

China takes up challenge to imitate and overtake America/ Luca Rossi

Newsweekly : 22 September 2018, pp.9-10

The article highlights China claims a large part of the South China Sea as its territorial waters and is warning all foreign shipping to steer clear. Sovereignty over the Spratly islands is disputed by Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam and Brunei.

Separating intervention from regime change : China's diplomatic innovations at the UN security council regarding the Syria crisis/ Courtney J Fung

The China Quarterly: September 2018, No.235, pp.693-712 (17)

This article proceeds by addressing why China modified its practice on intervention and the implications of China's stance regarding the intervention in crises against the context of public calls for regime change

CHINA

China's involvement in Africa's security: the case of China's participation in the UN mission to stabilize Mali/ Jean Pierre Cabestan

The China Quarterly: September 2018, No.235, pp.713-734 (17)

This article focuses on the participation of China's people's liberation army in the United Nation's multidimensional integrated stabilization mission in Mali. It aims to unpack the diplomatic process that led China to take part in the mission and to analyse the form of participation.

COUNTER TERRORISM

Evaluating counter terrorism strategies in Asia/ Andrew T H Tan

The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism: Vol 13, No.2, July 2018, pp.155-169

The article aims to evaluate how, and how well Asian countries have responded to terrorist and insurgent challenges. This evaluation of counter terrorism and counter insurgency efforts in Asia begins with a brief discussion of the conceptual issues.

CYBER

Evolving nature of cyberconflict/ Eugene EG Tan

RSIS Commentary : No 166, 11 October 2018 (F31)

Cyber conflict has been understood by western governments, the international discussions on the applicability of international law to cyber conflict, cyber norms of behaviour and deterrence of cyberattacks.

LEADERSHIP

Have the grit to lead/ Dennis Harbin

Proceedings US Naval Institute: September 2018, pp. 75-76 (86)

Ensigns are obliged to lead, grit combines passion, purpose and practice and inspire through enthusiasm.

MALAYSIA

Vice Admiral Datuk syed Zahiruddin Putra Syed Osman: Malaysian joint forces commander

Asian Defence Journal : September - October 2018, pp.14-16 (131)

The new commander of joint forces shares his view on the future direction of the MJFHQ cooperation with other agencies as well as modernisation plans.

Malaysian army, RMAF collaborate in exercise cope taufan/gerak pentas

ADJ's Training & Simulation : Vol 11, Issue 3, July-September 2018, pp.6-7

The objective of the biennial gerak pentas exercise is to test the combat capability of the para battalion group. The rapid deployment exercise focuses on para dropping of cargo delivery system and heavy equipment at the different locations.

The comeback kid : Mahathir and the 2018 Malaysian general elections/ James Chin

The Round Table: Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs : Vol, 107, No 4, August 2018, pp.535-537 (100)

The article highlights Mahathir Mohamad's place in Asian history had the distinction of being the longest serving Malaysian prime minister (1981-2003). He has been re-elected as a Prime Minister in May 2018. The article discusses the main differences from the political, institutional and societal perspectives.

MALAYSIA**His vision, new Malaysia, regeneration and the region/
Yang Razali Kassim**

RSIS Commentary : No 150, 13 September 2018 (F31)

The conversation with Anwar Ibrahim shares his thoughts on his vision, new Malaysia, succession and regeneration as well as Malaysian's place in the region

**On Mahathir, reconciliation & political transition/ Yang
Razali Kassim**

RSIS Commentary : No 149, 13 September 2018 (F31)

The conversation with Anwar Ibrahim about his relationship with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, reconciliation between them and Malaysia's political transition.

**Malaysia's regime change : evolving post election
scenarios/ Yang Razali Kassim**

RSIS Commentary : No 148, 12 September 2018 (F31)

The article highlights three evolving scenarios. One: a new order, scenario two: existential crisis, and scenario three: beyond the border.

MARITIME SECURITY**Countering maritime terrorism/ Andrew White**

*Armada International : October/November 2018 Issue 05,
pp.24-27 (2)*

The global maritime anti-piracy systems market report highlights how increases in terrorism through sea routes and the vulnerability of attacks from pirate gangs have necessitated the implementation of high-end security measures in order to strengthen maritime security

MILITARY AFFAIRS**The British army, information management and
the first world war revolution in military
affairs/ Brian N Hall**

*The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 41 No.7,
December 2018, pp. 1001-1030 (98)*

This article has shown that as the war progressed British commanders sought newer and better ways to gather process and disseminate information. This article takes the British expeditionary force (BEF) of the First World War as its case study and assesses the extent to which its IM system contributed to the emergence of the modern battlefield in 1918.

PAKISTAN**The perennial problem of terrorism and
political violence in Pakistan/ Julian Droogan**

*The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter
Terrorism: Vol 13, No.2, July 2018, pp.202-215*

The Pakistani state has done much to counter some militant and separatist groups, but never in a comprehensive or equitable way. Pakistan's relationship with militancy and terrorism is complicated by a series of long standing and seemingly intractable drivers. This paper provides an overview of the current state of terrorism in Pakistan.

**Slipping the leash? Pakistan's relationship with
the Afghan Taliban/ Tricia Bacon**

*Survival: Vol.60, No.5, October- November 2018,
pp.159-180 (106)*

The article highlights on understanding Pakistan's relationship with the Taliban is especially important given the Trump administration's pressure on Islamabad. Pakistan's relationship with the Taliban is often treated as static primarily.

PHILIPPINES

Armed forces of the Philippines : moving forward/ Staff Writer

Asian Defence Journal : September - October 2018, pp.8-9 (131)

The Philippines Department of National Defence (DND) is continuing the original AFP modernisation programme and developing its horizon 2 from (2018-2022).

Delfin N Lorenzana, secretary of national defence the Philippines

Asian Defence Journal : September - October 2018, pp.10-11 (131)

The secretary of national defence of Philippines shares the defence prioritisation programmes of the armed forces of the Philippines that have been undertaken plans to develop Marawi.

SINGAPORE

Educating the developmental state : policy integration and mechanism redesign in Singapore's skills future scheme/ J.J Woo

Journal Of Asian Public Policy : November 2018, Vol 11 No 3, pp.267-284

This paper has shown, both policy design and mechanism design process have been significant in the formulation and implementation of the skills future scheme.

TECHNOLOGY

Security and privacy in the age of the smart internet of things : an overview from a networking perspective/ Shui Yu

IEEE Communications Magazine : Vol 56, No 9, September 2018. pp.14-18 (147)

This article aiming to explore the security impact from the emerging and anarchistic IoT systems and discuss the privacy issue caused by IoT systems.

TERRORISM

Al-Qaeda's quagmire in Syria/ Seth G Jones

Survival: Vol.60, No.5, October- November 2018, pp.181-198 (106)

The article highlights Al Qaeda's challenges in Syria. Ayman Zawahiri has faced significant leadership challenges and struggled to adjudicate disputes Zawahiri's security situation which entailed hiding from virtually every major intelligence agency in the world.

TERRORIST

Death of Bahrun Naim : mastermind of terror in southeast Asia/ Rohan Gunaratna

RSIS Commentary : No 161, 03 October 2018 (F31)

The death of Bahrun naim the directing figure of terrorist attacks in Southeast Asia. He had been the mastermind of terrorist attacks in Malaysia and Indonesia. Upon joining Islamic State (IS) used the cyber domain to radicalise and recruit Southeast Asians to carry attacks.

YEMEN

Yemen's disastrous war/ Daniel Byman

Survival: Vol.60, No.5, October- November 2018, pp.141-158 (106)

The article highlights on Yemen's government was always weak and the country prone to civil war. At the same time the United States engaged in its own mini war in Yemen hunting terrorists linked to al-Qaeda and other groups.

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