

**ASEAN****The Quadrilateral Conundrum: Can ASEAN Be Persuaded?/ Joel Ng**

*RSIS Commentary : No 120, 17 July 2018 (F31)*

If the Quad cannot make clear how it addresses three inherent contradictions in its revival of the 'Indo-Pacific', it will not achieve the support of ASEAN states.

**Jokowi's Soft Diplomacy: Global Islamic Network of Moderation/ Andar Nubowo**

*RSIS Commentary : No 119, 16 July 2018 (F31)*

In the face of rising conservatism, President Jokowi recently launched a new endeavour to promote "moderation in Islam" both domestically and internationally. Can Indonesia be a power house for promoting 'smiling' Islam internationally?

**BRITAIN****Britain and ASEAN: Strengthening Ties Post-Brexit/ Scott Wightman**

*RSIS Commentary : No 127, 26 July 2018 (F31)*

The UK makes a tangible and significant contribution to the security and prosperity of Southeast Asia, and to strengthening and supporting ASEAN, and the Rules Based International System (RBIS) it seeks to uphold. This contribution will be even stronger after the UK leaves the European Union.

**CHINA****Coercive gradualism through gray zone statecraft in the South China Seas/ Kapil Bhatia**

*JFQ : Joint Force Quarterly : 4th Quarter 2018, Issue 91, pp.24-33 (79)*

The article highlights China's strategy and potential U.S. options.

**CHINA****China's Laser Weapons: Future Potential, Future Tensions?/ Zi Yang**

*RSIS Commentary : No 093, 05 June 2018 (F31)*

China's increasingly sophisticated laser weapons arsenal is becoming a source of concern for its strategic rivals. What are their future potential?

**CYBERSECURITY****Japan's New Cybersecurity Strategy: Plugging the IoT Gap/ Mihoko Matsubara**

*RSIS Commentary : No 121, 18 July 2018 (F31)*

Japan should craft a new Cybersecurity Strategy to encourage risk-averse business leadership to tackle shadow IT and bring visibility and control on two key fronts: first, endpoint security to protect computers, servers, and wireless devices and second, cloud security to protect data, applications, and infrastructure of cloud computing.

**ENVIRONMENT****'Ecological Civilisation': China's Ideological Counter-View?/ Victor R Savage and Lin Qi Feng**

*RSIS Commentary : No 122, 19 July 2018 (F31)*

China's concept of ecological civilisation is meant to counter the Western view of sustainable development and assert its thought leadership on environmental issues.

**HUMAN RIGHTS****Understanding and Addressing Inequality/ Amanda Huan**

*RSIS Commentary : No 125, 24 July 2018 (F31)*

Worsening inequality is one of the world's most pressing problems. It is not merely an economic issue, but a political and moral one as well. In the West, the rise of populist parties is an indicator of the dissatisfaction among populaces with rising inequality. In Southeast Asia, however, its impact is unclear. How severe is it and what solutions are available?

**The Ongoing Rakhine Crisis: Time For ASEAN to Act/ Kang Siew Kheng**

*RSIS Commentary : No 117, 11 July 2018 (F31)*

ASEAN foreign ministers meet in Singapore this month, amid the growing Rohingya crisis that has no clear solution in sight. ASEAN's credibility is challenged by this multi-faceted tragedy. What should ASEAN do?

**INDONESIA****Indonesian Armed Forces: steady modernisation drive/ C H Fong**

*Asian Defence Journal : November 2018, pp.6-8 (131)*

This is a special report on the Indonesian Armed Forces or Tentara Nasional (TNI). The report is on TNI's procurement, expenditure, army, navy and air force.

**Exclusive Interview: General Ryamizard Ryacudu, Minister of Defence, Indonesia**

*Asian Defence Journal : November 2018, pp.10-13 (131)*

In an exclusive interview, Indonesia's Minister of Defence, Gen (Rtd) Ryamizard Ryacudu talks on the progress of the nation's path towards self sufficiency in defence capabilities, effort to protect territorial integrity, and collaboration with regional states and beyond on matters regarding defence and security.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS****India's Indo-Pacific Embrace/ Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy**

*RSIS Commentary : No 103, 21 June 2018 (F31)*

India's perspective on peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific was outlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his recent visits to New Delhi's maritime neighbours - Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

**INTERNATIONAL SECURITY****Would U.S leaders push the button?/ Reid B C Pauly**

*International Security : Vol 43, No 1, Vol 43, No 2, Fall 2018, pp.151-192 (68)*

This article explored the declassified records of wargames played by foreign policy elites during the cold war.

**KOREA****Conflict and chaos on the Korean Peninsula/ Oriana Skylar Mastro**

*International Security : Vol 43, No 1, Vol 43, No 2, Fall 2018, pp.84-116 (68)*

Military capabilities has been written about recent improvements in China, including its ground forces and strategic forces, that would make China better able to intervene militarily in a North Korean contingency.

**MALAYSIA****UMNO Post-Power: What Now in a Changing Landscape?/ Yang Razali Kassim**

*RSIS Commentary : No 112, 02 July 2018 (F31)*

Soon after its historic defeat in the 9 May 2018 general election, the long-dominant UMNO held its first party elections over the weekend. The much subdued contest for the presidency and other leadership positions, unlike the glitz and glamour of previous party polls, reflects the cloud the party is under. Will UMNO survive post-power?

**Top Brass Interview: General Tan Sri Zulkifli Zainal Abidin, Chief of Defence Force, Malaysia**

*Asian Defence Journal : November 2018, pp.14-19 (131)*

Gen Zulkifli Zainal Abidin shares his vision in this interview in preparing Malaysian Armed Forces into the future, which includes collaboration with other ASEAN forces, procurement of air defence system, and readying personnel for missions with immersive virtual reality technology.

**MARITIME SECURITY****Inaugural ASEAN-China Maritime Drills**

*Asian Defence Journal : November 2018, pp.4-5 (131)*

This is an article of the first maritime exercise between ASEAN and China. The article highlights; the close encounter between US Navy Destroyer and Chinese destroyer and the negotiations of Code of Conduct in the South China Sea.

**NORTH KOREA****Ballistic Intentions/ Anshuman Chatterjee**

*Naval Forces: Vol.XXXIX, No.VI, 2018, pp.49-52 (41)*

An analysis of the North Korean submarine threat and South Korea's ability to counter it.

**NORTH KOREA****Trump-Kim Summit: A Tale of Two Endings/ Alan Chong and Graham Ong-Webb**

*RSIS Commentary : No 104, 22 June 2018 (F31)*

The Trump-Kim Summit in Singapore both raised high hopes amongst public opinion as well provided familiar fodder for critics of Trump's foreign policy. The Summit should be regarded as a proverbial fork in the foggy road of international diplomatic history.

**Trump-Kim Summit: The Failure of American Leadership?/ Bhubhindar Singh**

*RSIS Commentary : No 102, 20 June 2018 (F31)*

The impact of the Trump-Kim summit on American leadership in Northeast/East Asia is, at best, mixed. While the summit may have strengthened America's leverage in the Korean Peninsula, it failed to reassure its Northeast Asian allies.

**RUSSIA****Is Russia Still Isolated?/ Chris Cheang**

*RSIS Commentary : No 108, 27 June 2018 (F31)*

It has been widely written that Russia has been internationally isolated since the 2014 Crimean and Ukraine crises as well as a host of other critical events that triggered Western economic and political sanctions. However, this assertion can increasingly be called into question.

**RUSSIA****Trump-Kim Summit 2018: Russia's Cautious Response/  
Chris Cheang**

*RSIS Commentary : No 108, 19 June 2018 (F31)*

RUSSIA has consistently opposed North Korea's nuclear weapons programme and advocated dialogue and negotiations as the only way to resolve the crisis. It had strongly criticised American pressure and what it considers United States threats to resolve the issue by force. Moscow sees its stance as having been justified, judging by the comments of President Putin's press spokesman, Dmitry Peskov. According to a Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty report dated the 13 June 2018, he told journalists that "just the fact that such a meeting took place and direct first-hand dialogue was started, can only be welcomed". While the meeting had reduced tensions on the Korean Peninsula, he added it would have been wrong to expect all the disagreements over North Korea could be solved in an hour.

**SINGAPORE****Singapore's Next Frontier: In Search of Defence  
Innovation / Michael Raska**

*RSIS Commentary : No 105, 25 June 2018 (F31)*

For Singapore, the rationale for pursuing military innovation has never been greater. As military-technological gaps in East Asia narrow and the character of regional security challenges becomes progressively more complex and contentious, Singapore must search for its niche military-technological "force multipliers" - developing superior skills and knowledge, intelligence, information and technology - to better protect itself.

**SINGAPORE****Trump-Kim Summit - S. Rajaratnam and  
Singapore's Role/ Alan Chong and Graham  
Ong-Webb**

*RSIS Commentary : No 096, 12 June 2018 (F31)*

Hosting the Trump-Kim Summit is entirely consistent with the vision of Singapore's first foreign minister - S. Rajaratnam. Yet, it is not enough that Singapore is trusted and neutral. Singapore must have the capacity and capability to actually host an unprecedented summit that enjoys the confidence of the President of the United States of America and the Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who are officially each other's worst enemies.

**UNITED STATES****Trump's Trade War: How should Asia  
Respond?/ Pradumna Bickram Rana**

*RSIS Commentary : No 099, 18 June 2018 (F31)*

President Trump's policies are undermining the post-World War II rules-based multilateral trading system. Countries in the European Union and Asia should resist, and speak up. They should also strengthen the G20.

**UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE****Hybrid machine learning VDM for UAV's in  
GNSS denied environment/ Shady Zahran**

*Navigation : Vol 65 No 3, Fall 2018, pp.477-492  
(43)*

This paper presents a novel approach to enhance unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) autonomous navigation. UAVs play an important role in a wide variety of activities in different fields of military and civilian applications. Researchers have focused their efforts in different categories of research areas to achieve a fully automated UAV in different circumstances and environments such as sensor fusion, communication, path planning, and trajectory generation.

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