

## ASIA PACIFIC

**Asia-Pacific naval directory 2019/ Alix Valenti**

*Asian Military Review: Vol.27, Issue 6, October 2019, pp.10-14 (60)*

The article highlights that with the growth of China's navy and the unpredictable move by North Korea along with other maritime threats, maritime conflict in the Asia Pacific is inevitable.

**Submarines to space; the challenge of maritime security/ Alix Valenti**

*Asian Military Review: Vol.27, Issue 6, October 2019, pp.16-23 (60)*

The article highlights that submarines has become one of the preferred technology and thus increasing the military's spending on their defence system. However, the need for submarines is still crucial in order to defend their territory especially the countries in the Asia Pacific region due to their location.

## CHINA

**5G implications/ Peter Donaldson**

*Armada International : October/November 2019, Issue 05, pp.32-34 (2)*

The article highlights that with the latest and current telecommunication technology, there has been a concern over the reliance on civilian 5G infrastructure that is dominated by China's Huawei. The military is afraid that China's government might have access to sensitive information whether directly or indirectly by pressuring on Huawei.

**US technological competition with China: the military, industrial and digital network dimensions/ Satoru Mori**

*Asia-Pacific Review: Vol 26, No. 1, May 2019, pp. 77-120*

The article looks at the relationship between the US and China and how both countries are competing against each other and fight for dominance including military technological competition, industrial technological competition and in digital network competition.

## CHINA

**Belt and road initiative (BRI): why China pursues it/ Anu Anwar**

*RSIS Commentary : No. 218, 30 October 2019 (F31)*

As BRI is now enshrined in the Communist Party Charter as Xi's signature foreign policy initiative, a failure could undermine the legitimacy of the party itself. After spending billions of dollars abroad, failure could lead to a challenge of Xi's authority.

**China-Pakistan maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean/ Ghulam Ali**

*Issues and Studies: Vol 55, No 3, September 2019, pp.1940005-(1)1940005-(20) (34)*

The article highlights the relationship between China and India and how both countries benefit each other by having mutual maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean which include economic, technological and military assistance.

**China's pervasive yet forgotten regional security role in Africa/ Barney Walsh**

*Journal Of Contemporary China : Vol.28, No. 120, November 2019, pp.965-983 (102)*

The aim of the study was to look at the relationship between China and Africa over the years and how this relationship is being affected by different African leaders.

**On the verge of an alliance: contemporary China-Russia military cooperation/ Alexander Korolev**

*Asian Security: Vol 15, No. 3, 2019, pp.233-252*

The article looks at China and Russia's military cooperation. A partnership that is solid, comprehensive and strategic especially these two great powers share hostility towards America in world politics.

**IT**

**Needed: a design for achieving maritime information superiority/ Commander Mike Dahm**

*Proceedings US Naval Institute: November 2019, pp.67-71 (86)*

The article highlights that there has been a rapid change in character of war due to advancement of information. Hence the military has changed their warfare strategy to information domain which include intelligence, cryptologic warfare, cyber, communications and oceanography.

**KOREA**

**Baekgom: the development of South Korea's first ballistic missile/ Nicholas Seltzer**

*The Nonproliferation Review : Vol 26 No 3 - 4, June - July 2019. pp.289-327*

The article highlights the development and evolution of South Korea's ballistic missiles that first started in the 1970s as a measure to defend the country especially from North Korea.

**KOREAN WAR**

**Singapore, Hong Kong, and the Royal Navy's war in Korea, c 1950-1953: part 1/ Joshua-John Tian Ser Seah**

*The Journal of Military History: Vol 83, No.4, October 2019, pp.1213-1234*

The article looks at role of the British military and how they applied their strategy that was used during their colonialization in Asia and used these strategies and planning during the Korean war.

**MALAYSIA**

**Live explosives demo with Royal Malaysia police/ Adlinna Abdul Alim**

*ADJ's Trainiq & Simulation: Vol 12, Issue 3, July-September 2019, pp.17-18 (132)*

The article highlights that due to high cases of international and regional terrorism and extremism, the Royal Malaysia Police (RMP) is conducting a demonstration involving different variants of explosives that are usually used by terrorists.

**General Tan Sri Zulkifli Zainal Abidin, chief of defence forces, Malaysia**

*Asian Defence Journal : September - October 2019, pp.6-8 (131)*

The interview with the chief of defence forces Malaysia, who talks about the future direction of the armed forces and the future plan of the armed forces in order to prepare for challenges and threats.

**MARITIME**

**Maritime counterterrorism - how to react with improved equipment, tactics?/ Andrew White**

*Naval Forces: Vol.XL, No.V, 2019, pp.42-46 (41)*

The article highlights the necessary actions needed when there are maritime threats from the equipments to tactical needed to combat these threats.

**Full speed ahead on unmanned maritime systems/ Captain Pete Small**

*Proceedings US Naval Institute: November 2019, pp.14-15 (86)*

The article highlights the rapid development of unmanned maritime systems and its supporting programs needed for this to develop further.

**MARITIME****Vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific/ Shinichi Kitaoka**

*Asia-Pacific Review: Vol 26, No. 1, May 2019, pp. 7-17*

The article discusses the importance of having a free and open Indo-Pacific especially for countries such as Japan that relies heavily on this waters. However having a free and open Indo-Pacific is inviting threats as well; in the case of China's Nine-Dash Line's claim in the South China Sea that has created tensions among the affected countries.

**MILITARY EXPENDITURE****Better is the neighbor?/ Tie-Ying Liu**

*Defence and Peace Economics: Vol 30, No. 6, November 2019, pp.706-718*

The aim of the study was to investigate NATO military expenditure in the period of 1990 to 2015 and the evolution of the expenditures throughout the years.

**NORTH KOREA****Force update - Republic of Korea**

*Military Technology: Vol. XLIII, Issue 10, 2019, pp.38-41 (38)*

The article highlights the military modernisation and reform made by Republic of Korea (ROK). As the eighth biggest military spender in the world, ROK need to focus more on their military especially due to the threats coming from North Korea.

**PHILIPPINES****Disaster in the Philippines/ John t. Correll**

*Air Force Magazine: November 2019, pp.46-50 (58)*

The article looks at the events leading to the undetected attacks in the Philippines by Japanese army that leads to the inevitable Japanese victory.

**POLITICS****Nowhere to go/ Alexander Betts**

*Foreign Affairs : Vol. 98, No. 6, November/December 2019, pp. 122-133 (76)*

The article highlights the mass movement of migrants to the United States and Europe seeking for refuge from their homeland country due to political instability, economic deprivation and escaping war zones.

**SPACE WARS****Space wars/ Timothy Compston**

*Intersec: October 2019, pp.6-8 (69)*

The article reveals that space are now resembling a battleground rather than a frontier due to high tensions on earth. Inevitably this leads to tensions in space as well as countries are now enhancing their space-military capabilities. The Outer Space Treaty 1967 act as a platform to limit any placement of weapons in space however tensions in space remain at a heightened level.

**TERRORISM****Filipino suicide bombings: breaching another threshold?/ Jasminder Singh**

*RSIS Commentary : No. 210, 18 October 2019 (F31)*

Suicide attacks in the Southeast Asian region involving jihadist groups have been intermittent and low-scale with the exception of Indonesia over the last two decades. But the June 2019 suicide attack that targeted an Armed Forces of the Philippines' (AFP) military camp in Indanan town in Sulu province, Mindanao (marked the first known suicide bombing involving a Filipino Islamist terrorist in recent times) could affect the security landscape in the country and wider region.

**Understanding women at war: a mixed-methods exploration of leadership in non-state armed groups/ Alexis Henshaw**

*Small Wars & Insurgencies: Vol. 30, No.6-7, October-December 2019, pp. 1089-1116 (97)*

The article looks at the role of women in insurgent groups and how their role in leadership might influence the result of insurgency.

**TRADE WAR****Geopolitics and technology - US-China competition: the coming decoupling?/ Paul Triolo**

*RSIS Commentary : No. 214, 23 October 2019 (F31)*

Locked in a long-term competition around advanced technologies, the US is using outdated policy tools to slow China's rise as a technology power. A worst case scenario: decoupling of the two countries' technology, financial, and economic sectors.

**A conflict without end? the US-China tech war/ Adam Segal**

*RSIS Commentary : No. 213, 23 October 2019 (F31)*

President Trump's campaign targeting Chinese technology companies is motivated primarily by concerns about economic competition and security threats. This has been expanded to include democratic values and human rights. Framing the technology rivalry as one over ideology and political values, however, means the US-China tech war is likely to intensify and expand.

**UAV****Eyes on the skies/ Garrett Reim**

*Flight International: 12-18 November 2019, pp.32-33 (65)*

The article looks at the commonly used unmanned air vehicles (UAV) in modern warfare and how it will have implications in most country's military spending and people's perception on aerial defence.

**UNITED NATIONS****74th UNGA debate: Nationalism or Multilateralism?/ Vijayalakshmi Menon**

*RSIS Commentary : No. 217, 30 October 2019 (F31)*

The annual General Debate of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly session, which took place recently, reflected a world becoming more divided and polarised. While some questioned the benefits of globalisation others reaffirmed their belief in the necessity for multilateral action to tackle international problems.

**WAR****War is not over/ Tanisha M. Fazal and Paul Poast**

*Foreign Affairs : Vol. 98, No. 6, November/December 2019, pp. 74-83 (76)*

The article highlights that there has been a decrease in the incidence of wars. However as a precaution, many countries still spent a huge amount on military expenditures as a preventive measure despite experiencing inflation especially with new technologies available such as unmanned drones and cyberweapons which heighten the danger of possible future wars.

**How do wars end? a multidisciplinary enquiry/ Chiara De Franco**

*The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 42 No.7, December 2019, pp. 889-900 (98)*

Throughout the years there has been constant changes in the character of warfare that has created uncertainties on how to identify and conceptualise the end of war. Therefore, the article looks at what define an end to a war from different approach.

**WMD****Gas, power and norms: competing logics for the declining use of chemical warfare/ Damir Kovacevic**

*The Nonproliferation Review : Vol 26 No 3 - 4, June - July 2019. pp.251-266*

This research demonstrates that there has been a decline in the use of chemical weapons in the twentieth century. This is due to public taboo on this matter as well as interventions, sanctions and military involvement on those who wishes to use this method.

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