

ASEAN**ASEAN and soft balancing : South China Sea as zone of peace?/ T V Paul**

RSIS Commentary: 15 May 2018, No 082 (F31)

The article discusses on ASEAN has produced mixed results, to declare the South China Sea a zone of peace under UN auspices. A code of conduct for the South China Sea is important but it could be part of a larger zone of peace idea, other parameters can be developed to restrain great power competition.

ASEAN's resilience against common threats/ Dzirhan Mahadzir

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 3, 2018, pp.4-5 (38)

The article highlights on Singapore's agenda as chairman would be the strengthening of ASEAN's resilience against common threats such as terrorism, cybercrime and climate change. Priorities with regard to terrorism for ASEAN varies for countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Brunei.

Tactical change of tune/ JR Ng

Asian Military Review : Vol.26, Issue 3, April/May 2018, pp.10-12 (60)

Regional forces are beginning to adopt software-defined radios (SDRs) which not only enable additional capacities to be incorporated via software updates. The challenge of upgrading to software defined radios will reduce the need to overcome issues with upgrading traditional hardware for Asian militaries.

Combat vehicle modernisation/ Stephen W Miller

Asian Military Review : Vol.26, Issue 3, April/May 2018, pp.18-20 (60)

Modernisation upgrade and improvement is a tool employed by virtually every army worldwide but has been actively utilised over the past few years by a number of Asian Pacific army's in the particular to enhance their armoured force's capabilities.

CHINA**China's maritime silk road initiative (MSRI) and Southeast Asia : a Chinese pond not lake in the works/ Jean-Marc F Blanchard**

Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.27, No. 111, May 2018, pp. 329-343 (102)

Focusing on the maritime Silk Road initiative (MSRI). This article shows China's own situation and Southeast Asian international and domestic economic and political variables will hinder the complete implementation of the MSRI.

Welcome to cold war/ Michael Lind

The National War : No 155, May/June 2018, pp.9-21

The article highlights on China's acceptance of permanent U.S. military hegemony in East Asia.

Flying dragons from the sea : Chinese carrier-borne aviation/ Guy Martin

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : May 2018, Vol.44, No.4, pp.42-44 (9)

The article highlights on aircraft carrier development and is preparing for sea trials of its first indigenously built design whilst it continues construction of a far more ambitious flattop.

But will they fight : China?/ Nicholas R Nappi

Proceedings US Naval Institute :May 2018, pp. 44-49 (86)

The article highlights hypothetical war between the United States and China exists in the Pacific. The assumption that U.S allies in the pacific would join the United States in a kinetic fight against China.

CHINA**The strategist's dilemma : global dynamic density and the making of US China policy/ Hugo Meijer**

European Journal of International Security : Vol 3 Issue 2, June 2018, pp.211-234

The US-China relationship and the level of dynamic density between the two countries is a crucial case in the study of great power interactions under conditions of rising global dynamic density. The article has argued that as growing global dynamic density as a systemic attribute, increases the coherence of great powers grand strategies and policies potentially decreases.

China's wars and strategies : looking back at the Korean war and the sino-Korean war/ Jiye Kim

Strategic Analysis: Vol 42, No. 2, March-April 2018, pp. 119-133

It discusses the policy implication in terms of the ongoing security concerns over the relations between China and its western neighbours Korean and India.

Role conceptions, order transition and institutional balancing in the Asia-pacific : a new theoretical framework/ Kai He

Australian Journal of International Affairs : Vol.72, No. Issue 2, April 2018, pp.92-109. (36)

This article argued that a state's role conception will shape its institutional balancing to exclude its target from its dominated institutions

The modern naval fortress : an additional sea denial option for coastal states/ Shang-su Wu

Defence Studies: Vol 18, No. 1, March 2018, pp. 76-94 (105)

This paper examining whether naval fortresses with modern technology are indeed promising for sea denial in comparison with mobile counterparts. The reemerging potential for naval fortresses with modern technology is related to the reshaping of the landscape of global naval powers.

CHINA**Historical and theoretical perspectives on the rise of China : long cycles, power transitions and China's ascent/ Ji Young Choi**

Asian Perspective Vol.42, No. 1, 2018, pp.61-84 (11)

The main arguments of long cycle and power transition perspectives and draw out some useful historical and theoretical. The article discusses whether the rise of China will ultimately result in an armed conflict with the current system leader.

CYBER**World's largest publicly revealed distributed denial of service attack/ Geoff Slocombe**

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : April 2018, Vol.44, No.3, pp.30-31 (9)

The article highlights on threats from cyber operations, international cyber security consultation and critical infrastructure.

Cyber as statecraft/ Megan Gates

Security Management: May 2018, pp.36-38 (92)

The article highlights the new threat era where world powers are increasingly using cyber means to further their goals or punish others for their actions.

Fail : the government's encryption brawl/ John Hilvert

Australian Defence Magazine: May 2018, Vol. 26 No.5, pp.34-37 (61)

Australia's national cyber security strategy reported a growing trend for groups and individuals to use encryption to hide illegal activity and motivate others to join their cause.

CYBER

Another manifestation of cyber conflict : attaining military objectives cyber avenues of approach/ Kenton G Fasana

Defence Studies: Vol 18, No. 2, June 2018, pp. 167-187 (105)

The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate the relevance of other aspect of cyber conflict in order to better understand cyberspace's military potential.

Just cyber war? : Casus belli, information ethics and the human perspective/ Matt Sleat

Review of International Studies: Vol 44 Issue 2, April 2018, pp.324-342 (45)

The article engages with recent attempts to provide a new theory of just information warfare (JIW) that is supposedly better suited to the unique character of cyber war insofar as it is grounded the boarder meta-ethical framework of information ethics (IE)

A matter of time : on the transitory nature of cyberweapons/ Max Smeets

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 41, No. 1- 2, February 2018, pp. 6-32 (98)

The article examines the transitory nature of cyberweapons. The article has three main motivations First aim to enhance the conceptual clarity of the cyber studies field. Second aimed to understand the implications of the cyber danger for international society. Third states are gradually coming to terms with the cyber perils and are establishing guidelines, policies and institutions to deal with the transformative technology.

Cyber security tools/ Peter Donaldson

Military Technology: Vol. XLII, Issue 3, 2018, pp.48-49 (38)

This article provides a quick look at how vulnerabilities arise in order to understand the problems they can cause and the tools required to mitigate them.

DISASTERS

Typhoon Haiyan : pushing the limits of resilience? The effect of land inequality on resilience and disaster risk reduction policies in the Philippines/ Colin Walch

Critical Asian Studies: Vol 50 No 1, March 2018, pp.122-135 (95)

The article highlights on how state-led resilience and its DRR policies were implemented before and after typhoon Haiyan. Resilience programs conducted by the government of the Philippines have paid little attention to social vulnerabilities particularly the issues of land tenure and access.

INDO-ASIA PACIFIC

Multilateral defense cooperation in the Indo-Asia pacific region: tentative steps toward a regional Nato / Stephen F Burgess

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.39, No.2, April 2018, pp.258-279 (104)

The article highlights multilateral cooperation among Japan, Australia, India and the United States as well as Japan, the ROK and the United States would enable greater deterrence and power projection in the coming decade. The five countries have some of the most capable security forces in the region and are committed to defending the regional quo.

INDONESIA

Shifting sands: POLRI - TNI ties in counterterrorism/ Emirza Adi Syailendra

RSIS Commentary: 25 May 2018, No 087 (F31)

Ruffled ties between the Indonesia Armed Forces (TNI) and the police (POLRI), however continues to hinder interoperability between the two.

INTELLIGENCE**US joins UK in leading concerted response to attack on Russian agent/ Robert Munks and JJ Green**

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.30, Issue 5, May 2018, p.04 (123)

A global effort to expel more than 100 Russian officials from 22 countries has challenged the Kremlin over its suspected role in the 4 March nerve agent attack on former intelligence agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in Salisbury, UK. The UK government initiated the wave of evictions on 14 March, by giving 23 Russian diplomats one week to leave, but the movement gained momentum on 26 March, when US President Donald Trump ordered 48 diplomats from the Russian embassy in Washington and 12 personnel from the Kremlin's United Nations Mission to leave the United States.

ISIS**ISIS-Chan the meanings of the manga girl in image warfare against the Islamic state/ Anna Johanson**

Critical Studies on Terrorism: Vol 11, No 1, April 2018, pp. 1-25 (112)

This article explores gendered meanings of ISIS-chan. ISIS-chan campaign is seen as an example of how the girl figure is mobilised in the political context of the war of terror.

Modern irregular warfare : the ISIS case study/ Andrea Beccaro

Small Wars & Insurgencies: Vol. 29, No.2, April 2018, pp. 207-228 (97)

The article deals with the role of terrorist tactics in ISIS warfare and the relationship between terrorism and insurgency, ISIS use of technology mainly with regard to suicide attacks and to drones and the relevance of urban warfare.

ISIS**ISIS's warfare functions : a systematized review of a phot - state's conventional conduct of combat operations/ Thomas Maurer**

Small Wars & Insurgencies: Vol. 29, No.2, April 2018, pp. 229-244 (97)

This article gives an overall assessment of ISIS's conventional conduct of combat operations by examining their warfighting functions patterns. The paper concludes that ISIS obviously had a vast range of conventional capabilities at its disposal and was thus able to conduct major operations.

JAPAN**From a decentering to recentering imperative : Japan's approach to Asian security multilateralism/ Takeshi Yuzawa**

The Pacific Review : Vol.31, No.4, July 2018, pp. 460-479 (103)

This article has examined the nature of Japan's approach to Asian security multilateralism since the end of the cold war. It reveals the changing dynamics of the ideas and motivations behind Japan's initiatives for regional security multilateralism.

Learning multilateral military and political cooperation in the counter piracy missions: a step towards de-centering of Japan's security policy?/ Wilhelm M Vosse

The Pacific Review : Vol.31, No.4, July 2018, pp. 480-497 (103)

This article introduce the specific context, constraints, and opportunities of the mission before analyzing Japan's role not only in preventing or limiting maritime piracy but also broadening and deepening involvement in its governing and capacity building bodies. It will specifically highlight Japan's involvement in the contact group on piracy off the coast in Somalia.

JAPAN**Japan's security cooperation with the Philippines and Vietnam/ Bjorn Elias Mikalsen Gronning**

The Pacific Review : Vol.31, No.4, July 2018, pp. 533-552 (103)

The article moreover argues that Japan's substantiation of non-US security bilaterals is fundamentally driven by the contemporary power shift in East Asia and the strategic challenge with which China's emerging maritime power and behavior presents Japan.

Power transitions, status dissatisfaction and war : the Sino - Japanese war of 1894-1895/ Andrew Q Greve

Security Studies : Vol.27, No 1, January-March 2018, pp.148-178 (118)

The analysis traced the origins of the power shift between China and Japan to their differential responses to industrialization and globalization driven in part by differences in political cultures with China's imperial order failing to match Japan's rapid economic, military and political transformation.

KOREAN WAR**Is it for this we fought and bled? : The Korean war and the struggle for civil rights/ Mitchell Lenner**

The Journal of Military History: Vol 82, No.2, April 2018, pp.515-545

This paper traces the internal struggles on the African American community during the war to examine its role in the evolution of the movement.

MALAYSIA**Malaysia : opposition's election manifesto : risks to fiscal consolidation**

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 : Vol.29, Issue 6, June 2018, pp.1-4 (49)

100 day promises aimed at addressing immediate concerns. Malaysia's opposition coalition Pakatan Harapan (PH) released its election manifesto in March as the country shifts into election mode ahead of the general elections must be held in August.

Greater potential pending/ Dzirhan Mahadzir

Asian Military Review : Vol.26, Issue 3, April/May 2018, pp.32-36 (60)

The article highlights on focus needs to be applied to budgetary commitment and acquisition prioritisation and a summary of the current and future key programmes of the Malaysian armed forces.

Changing gears/ Jay Menon

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.25, April 2018, pp.5-13 (130)

The article discusses on the allocation of budget for military modernisation. Since 2012 it has been a persistent challenge for the Malaysian armed forces to procure capital assets as envisaged by the 4th dimension Malaysia armed forces plan.

Enter Malaysia's new political order/ Yang Razali Kassim

RSIS Commentary: 17 May 2018, No 084 (F31)

Malaysia's 14th general election 09 May 2018, the Pakatan Harapan (PH) coalition taking ground-breaking but cautious steps to put in place not just a new government but also the seeds of what could be a new political order.

MARITIME SECURITY

Troubled waters: Southeast Asia confronts emerging threats to maritime security/ Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.123, Issue 02, March 2018, p.18-23 (124)

Sea lanes passing through Southeast Asia have long been plagued by piracy and maritime criminality incidences, but the emergence of Islamic State-linked militants in the southern Philippines threatens to add another dimension to the region's security situation. This article looks at recent efforts by navies and coastguards of affected countries to counter this unfolding menace

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq's elections focus militias on political ambitions/ Rebecka Lind and Ege Seckin

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.30, Issue 5, May 2018, pp.28-33 (123)

Iraq's parliamentary elections in May are likely to shape its future relations with Iran, the US, and the Gulf Arab states. This article analyse the impact of three scenarios for the outcome of the polls on Iraq's foreign and security policy.

MILITARY LOGISTICS

Think again - supplying war : reappraising military logistics and its centrality to strategy and war/ Mark Erbel

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 41, No. 4, June 2018, pp. 519-544 (98)

The main argument of this article is that logistics constrains strategic opportunity. At the same time it is itself heavily circumscribed by strategic and operational planning.

MYANMAR

Where Myanmar went wrong/ Zoltan Barany

Foreign Affairs : Vol. 97, No. 3, May- June 2018, pp. 141-154 (76)

The article discusses on the poor management and lack of focus on issues that are under Suu Kyi administration's control, improving the economy shoring up infrastructure and revamping the health care and education systems. Suu Kyi ought to open a meaningful dialogue with a view of forming a big tent political and social coalition that might in time challenge the military's political supremacy.

All going according to plan? The armed forces and government in Myanmar/ Andrew Selth

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 40, No. 1, April 2018, pp.1-26 (19)

The article highlights the peaceful transition from authoritarian rule to a more democratic form of Myanmar. The paradigm shift which has occurred in the country's political landscape over the past decade can more accurately be described as the result of a long term plan drawn up by Myanmar's military leadership.

Overcoming barriers : Myanmar's recent elections and women's political participation/ Nicole Loring

Asia Pacific Viewpoint : Vol.59, No.1, April 2018, pp.74-86 (8)

This article seeks to examine women's political participation in Myanmar's recent move towards democratisation.

MYANMAR**Hybrid government and the politics of legitimacy in the Myanmar peace process/ Ashley South**

Journal of Contemporary Asia : Vol.48, No. 1, March 2018, pp.50-66 (107)

This article explores the dynamics and implications of developments and reference to the emerging literatures on 'rebel rules' and 'hybrid governance' and examines the practices of donors and aid agencies operating areas.

NATIONAL SECURITY**Security gradient and national defense - the optimal choice between a draft army and a professional army/ Vesa Kanninen**

Defence and Peace Economics: Vol 29, No. 3, May 2018, pp. 247-267

The paper provides a new perspective into the issue of an optimal approach to the optimal design of national security. The need for such an analysis arises for two reasons. One is empirical one is theoretical.

NAVY**Crash course: US Navy revamps training, oversight to fix surface-fleet operations/ Michael Fabey**

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.123, Issue 02, March 2018, p.12-17 (124)

Buffeted by a spate of recent surface-ship collisions, the US Navy is changing the way it trains its sailors, inspects ships, and operates vessels. This article reports on the service's internal overhaul

NAVY**US Navy ramps up surveillance off the Syrian coast/ Tim Ripley**

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 16, 18 April 2018, p.4 (122)

US Navy (USN) Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft have ramped up the USN's surveillance of Russian and Syrian deployments in Syria. The operations come amid expectations that Trump will launch missile strikes to punish the Syrian regime for an apparent chemical weapon attack on Douma: the last rebel-held town in Syria's Eastern Ghouta region.

US approves marketing licence in support of Taiwan's submarine programme/ Jon Grevatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 16, 18 April 2018, p.6 (122)

The approval enables US industry to transfer submarine-related expertise to Taiwan, which a year ago launched a programme to design and build an indigenous fleet of between six and eight boats. Taiwan was forced to launch its indigenous submarine programme due to a lack of suppliers. European countries, which have the required capabilities, have been unwilling to engage in the programme due to risks of antagonising Beijing, while the United States has not constructed diesel electric submarines for several decades.

NORTH KOREA**Preliminary testing of North Korean experimental light water reactor (ELWR) likely under way/ Nick Hansen**

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.30, Issue 5, May 2018, pp.42-45 (123)

Operations testing may be under way at North Korea's ELWR. This article assesses the evidence and examines the implications for the direction of the country's civilian and military nuclear programmes.

NORTH KOREA**Trump agrees to summit with North Korea's Kim**

Arms Control Today: Vol.48, No.3, April 2018, pp.25-26 (5)

The article highlights on North Korean denuclearization. Trump confirmed his willingness to participate in a summit in response to an invitation by South Korean

The Kim - Trump summit in Singapore : North Korea's end goals/ Bhubhinder Singh

RSIS Commentary: 15 May 2018, No 083 (F31)

The article highlights growing pressure of sanctions, North Korea's achievement of its nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities was also critical in pushing the Kim regime to agree to the summits. The agenda for Trump-Kim summit, if North Korea's diplomatic charm offensive is successful in its objectives.

Now it gets murky : how the US - DPRK talks can evolve

Defense and Foreign Affairs Strategic Policy: 4-2018, pp.4-7 (22)

The article highlights about the bilateral US-DPRK talks ripples through a broader global agenda for all players not **only** Washington and Pyongyang.

The art of the summit/ Leon V Sigal

Arms Control Today: Vol.48, No.4, May 2018, pp.12-13 (5)

The article discusses final stages of developing a nuclear weapon capable of reaching parts of the United States.

Panmunjeom declaration for peace prosperity and unification of the Korean Peninsula

Arms Control Today: Vol.48, No.4, May 2018, pp.38-39 (5)

The article talks on South and North Korea will reconnect the blood relations of the people and bring forward the future co-prosperity and unification led by North Korea s by facilitating comprehensive and groundbreaking advancement in inter-Korean relations.

NORTH KOREA**Perception and misperception on the Korean Peninsula : how unwanted wars begin/ Robert Jervis**

Foreign Affairs : Vol. 97, No. 3, May- June 2018, pp. 103-117 (76)

The article highlights North Korea's leader Kim Jong UN has declared his country's nuclear deterrent complete. United States president is unlikely to give up. Yet Washington continues to demand that Pyongyang relinquish the nuclear weapons is already has and the Trump administration has pledged that the North Korea regime will never acquire a nuclear missile.

PAKISTAN**Deterrence or taboo? explaining the non-use of nuclear weapons during the Indo-Pakistani post tests nuclear crisis/ Mario Carranza**

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.39, No.3, July 2018, pp.441-463 (104)

The case studies of the two post-tests nuclear crises show that the nuclear taboo entered the decision making process instrumentally, in the form of perceived reputational 'costs'.

Beyond the double game : lessons from Pakistan's approach to Islamist militancy/ Stephen Tankel

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 41, No. 4, June 2018, pp. 545-575 (98)

The dynamic nature of militancy in Pakistan makes the country an excellent laboratory for exploring a state's assessment of the utility an Islamist militant. It discusses Pakistani threat perceptions and how these apply to the treatment of Islamist militant groups.

PEACE-KEEPING

Why do they serve? changes and differences in motives of danish soldiers deployed to peace keeping and peace enforcing missions/ Stephanie Vincent LYK Jensen

Defence and Peace Economics: Vol 29, No. 3, May 2018, pp. 312-334

This paper investigates what motivates young people to volunteer the peace-keeping or peace-enforcing missions and how their motives change between pre-and post-deployment.

PHILIPPINES

Fighting jihadists in Mindanao

New Zealand International Review: Vol 43 No 3, May/June 2018, pp.2-4 (82)

This article will outline key developments linked to the rise of the ISER and its enduring threat post-Marawi as well as challenges ahead.

One year after Marawi : has the threat gone/ Jasminder Singh

RSIS Commentary: 30 May 2018, No 088 (F31)

Islamic state militant groups in the Philippines are regrouping and engaging in clashes with government security forces.

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Professional ethics, mental health and dangerous decisions - reducing the risk of dangerousness in world leaders/ Rosemary Field

Medicine, Conflict and Survival: Vol 34, No. 1, March 2018, pp.13-18

The article highlights the duty of mental health professionals in the US in relation to dangerous individuals the need to protect the public while at the same time respecting the rights of the individual and how this may relate to the degree of risk especially in relation to the use of nuclear weapons.

RUSSIA

Russian election result likely to reinforce foreign policy assertiveness/ Alex Kokcharov

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.30, Issue 5, May 2018, pp.24-27 (123)

Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to remain in power at least until 2024 following his convincing victory in March's presidential election. This article examines Russia's political dynamics and considers three scenarios for the evolution of domestic and foreign policy over the next three years.

Squabbling Siloviki : factionalism within Russia's security services/ Joss I Meakins

International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence: Vol 31, No 2, Summer 2018, pp. 235-270 (117)

This article analyzes exactly what political role, the security services play in Vladimir Putin's regime, examination of how well represented they are in the power structures is necessary.

SINGAPORE

Everyday authoritarianism: a political anthropology of Singapore/ Nur Amali Ibrahim

Critical Asian Studies: Vol 50 No 2, June 2018, pp.219-231 (95)

The article highlights on everyday authoritarianism helps explain the longevity of Singaporean state, how it has managed to withstand multiple democratic challenges and why it may survive long after Lee Kuan Yew.

SINGAPORE

More with less using advance technology/ Chen Chuanren

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : April 2018, Vol.44, No.3, pp.32-33 (9)

The Singapore ministry of defence is now embracing of the fourth industrial revolution, utilising emerging technologies like data analytics for the Singapore armed forces (SAF), aims to harness technologies to overcome constrains like dwindling manpower from an aging society.

ASEAN issues to dominate 2018 political landscape

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 : Vol.29, Issue 3, March 2018, pp.11-12 (49)

The article highlights on Singapore political outlook and ASEAN to be primary focus. The city state will likely aim to ensure continued progress of various regional initiatives and that progress is likely to be gradual due to the consensus driven style of ASEAN

SOUTHEAST ASIA

US domestic politics and America's withdrawal from the trans-Pacific partnership : implications for Southeast Asia/ Shaun Narine

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 40, No. 1, April 2018, pp.50-76 (19)

This article examines the reasons for the Trump administration's decision and evaluates the likelihood of America entering a new multilateral free trade agreement (FTA) with the Asia Pacific.

SPECIAL FORCES

Testing tempo: The role of Special Forces in the 21st Century/ David Reynolds

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.55 Issue 16, 18 April 2018, pp.22-27 (122)

With governments within NATO changing their attitude to conventional force intervention, Special Forces have become the immediate response for nations endorsing a new approach to regional security. However, there is concern that Special Forces cannot sustain the current high tempo of operations being asked of them. This article examines the political drivers behind the demand to employ such units.

TAIWAN

Taiwan reviews its missile programmes/ Richard D Fisher Jr

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol.30, Issue 5, May 2018, pp.46-51 (123)

Taiwan is reviewing its deterrence options as China becomes increasingly assertive. This article examines the changing attitudes towards Taiwan's missile programme.

TEMOR LESTE

Maritime territorialization, UNCLOS and the Timor sea dispute/ Rebecca Strating

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 40, No. 1, April 2018, pp.101-125 (19)

This article examines the way that maritime spaces have become increasingly linked to and conflated with state sovereignty in public discourses a process articulated as 'maritime territorialization'.

TERRORISM**Explaining extremism : Western women in Daesh/
Meredith Loken**

*European Journal of International Security : Vol 3 Issue 1,
February 2018, pp.45-68*

The article explores the gendered security framework that suggest the muhajirat in their motivations for joining Daesh. Existing studies women's participation in Daesh offer rich recruitment histories and detail women's roles within the organisation.

THAILAND**Corruption scandal poses a risk to military's popularity
as elections approach**

*Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 : Vol.29, Issue 3,
March 2018, pp.5-6 (49)*

The military and yellow shirts could provide an opportunity for Thaksinite forces to step up and revised down short term political risk.

**Looking in : external views of the way forward in Thai
southern insurgency/ Thomas A Marks**

*Small Wars & Insurgencies: Vol. 29, No.1, February 2018,
pp. 131-140 (97)*

The views focus overwhelmingly upon the legitimacy of the structure and mechanisms whereby malay speaking muslim minority within Thailand's muslim.

WEAPONS SYSTEM**Drone defence: Operators rush to tackle asymmetric
threat of unmanned aircraft/ Andrew White**

*Jane's International Defence Review: Vol.51, May 2018,
pp.52-55 (120)*

For several years, urgent requirements from an evolving battlespace have initiated and heavily influenced the high levels of rapid prototyping and fielding associated with commercial unmanned aircraft systems technology. This article explores the current threats and the efforts under way to tackle them.

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