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COVER: Airbus Defence and Space aircraft family celebrating its 50-year anniversary with the A330 MRTT Multi-Role Tanker Transport, A400M military airlifter, C295 tactical airlifter and Eurofighter Typhoon swing-role fighter joining up during a 2019 formation flight representing a world-class product line that is in service with military forces around the world.

SECURITY ISSUES

INF Treaty Expires, Deployment of US Missiles in Asia 4
 The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty has expired after a period of over 30 years as one of the landmarks of nuclear arms control. The United States withdrew from the treaty on Aug 2, in order to develop its own warheads after the Russians refused to destroy their new missiles, which NATO said violated the pact.

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The Future of Naval Warfare
 Today's sea battles are no longer fought with firepower alone but also with high-tech hardware and software including other seafaring gadgetry. Defence capabilities may, on the whole, overtake offensive capabilities on the surface and in the air. 16

COUNTRY REPORT

United Kingdom Defence Industry: Maintaining Top Two Position
 The defence industry of the UK for the past year has set a new record, as UK defence exports reach £14 billion in 2018. Export sales rose by £5 billion compared to 2017, placing the UK industry at the second spot in terms of global defence exports. 22

SECURITY ISSUES

JMSDF Largest Contingent in Exercise Talisman Sabre
 Australia-US exercise Talisman Sabre was successfully held on July 7-27 at many military locations in Australia. The large-scale series of drills created history this edition as it saw the largest participation of personnel from the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF). 5

TOP BRASS INTERVIEWS

General Tan Sri Zulkifli Zainal Abidin, Chief of Defence Forces, Malaysia
 In conjunction with Malaysian Armed Forces Day on Sept 16, the Chief of Defence Forces Gen Zulkifli Zainal Abidin speaks about the future direction of the armed forces, the impending Defence White Paper which will be shaping the direction of the country's defence policy, and force modernisation plans to address multitude of challenges and threats. 6

Lieutenant General Datuk Suhaimi Mohd Zuki, Malaysia Joint Forces Commander
 On occasion of the Malaysian Joint Forces Command's anniversary, ADJ talks to JFC commander, Lt Gen Suhaimi Mohd Zuki, who spoke about future direction, cooperation with other agencies, as well as modernisation plans to bolster MJFC's command and control capability. 10

Vice Admiral Linda L Fagan, Pacific Commander, United States Coast Guard
 ADJ had the opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with US Coast Guard Pacific Commander, VAdm Linda L Fagan, which she spoke in length on the role and challenges faced by the US Coast Guard, updates on the National Security Cutter Programme, and engagement with regional partners to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific. 14

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Future Systems for Tomorrow Air Forces
 As technology allows new threats to evolve, options for fielding a better and updated air defence system to protect the homeland skies also continue to broaden. Defence contractors, manufacturers and companies are developing technologies and systems that can react expeditiously to address these challenges. 18

Land Forces of the Future

The defence industry is looking on ways to leverage emerging technology to transform the way the land forces operate, especially in terms of equipment in order to make them more resilient to threats ranging from natural disasters to cyber-attacks and beyond. 20

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Naval Group's Future Technology for Asia
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Kärcher Futuretech: Well-Equipped for the Common Goal
 Kärcher Futuretech is an internationally recognised specialist for mobile systems in the fields of CBRN decontamination, drinking water supply, catering and field camps. 34

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