

## FOREWORD

As Head of the Editorial Board, I am proud to present the latest special issue of our scientific journal, the Defence Review, an English language professional forum on military and security policy topics. Traditionally, the goal of these special issues of analyses is to show the significant intellectual diversity among the topics of security sciences, with many outstanding papers by military service members and civilian researchers from all over the world, with one final purpose: to make our world safer.

In the first section of this issue, our authors are focusing on the threats occurring in Europe. We need to be prepared to face challenges like terrorism. Following this spirit, *József Kis-Benedek* points on the European aspects of religion-based radicalisation. Thereafter, *Attila Kasznár* examines the connection between the current trends of terrorism and the sense of security. In her magnificent analysis, *Hanga Horváth-Sántha* gives the portraits of radicalised terrorists in Europe from the last two years, searching for “the dynamics, trigger factors and root causes of violent extremism”. Finally, *Fruzsina Simigh*, a research fellow of the HDF General Staff Scientific Research Centre, shows us the current Chinese approach to counter terrorism.

The participation of the Hungarian Defence Forces in peacekeeping operations in various conflict zones is a tradition that we are proud of. In order to fulfil our commitments to the highest standard, beside “Zrínyi 2026” modernization project, we also have to be aware of the actual operational environment in the conflict zones. This is why I recommend the analysis of *Rachael Rudolf* on the North Korean situation. *Ilias Kouskouvelis* and *István Harkai* elaborate on interesting questions on the powers competing for various parts of Africa. In their analysis, *Itai Reuveni* and *Josh Bacon* show us some interesting viewpoints on the NGO’s role in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Considering the unstable situation, *Ákos Treszkai* examines the possible difficulties of a future international mission in Libya. And last, but not least in this section, *László Kelemen* presents the recent history of the Hungarian participation in EUTM-S.

The two final papers in this issue, by *Győző Csanádi* and *Éva Jakusné Harnos* indicate that various applied sciences like Linguistics and Information Science can also be very useful for military and security purposes.

Considering the wide-ranging content of this special issue, I am proud to present these papers and warmly welcome all our colleagues’ future works on military science and security policy in order to enhance a more extensive professional discussion both at national and international levels.

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