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Hungary has been member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) for 20 years. On 12th March 1999 three countries in our region – the Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary – became full members of the Alliance, thus contributing nations to peace and security. Lieutenant General Zoltán Orosz, the national military representative of Hungary, wrote a foreword for the studies published for the jubilee.

Gen. Zoltán Szenes (Ret.): The new policy of NATO – Projecting stability into the southern region 6

The study discusses NATO's new policy, the theoretical and practical issues of stability projection. In 2014, NATO responded to security threats in two ways: in the Eastern strategic direction it attempted to address the emerging security situation, threats and risks with the concept of „defence and deterrence”, and in the Southern strategic direction through „projecting stability”. While collective defence has the theory and toolkit to deal with the Russian Threats, the Alliance responded to the hybrid threats from the South by renewing its stability projection concept. The article discusses the theoretical issues of the concept, explains the necessity of the Southern direction, and presents the first, successful partnership period of stability projection. The paper analyses the new tools of the renewed idea, the connection between cooperative partnership and the tasks of crisis management. Based on the results of the Warsaw (2016) and Brussels (2018) summits, it „lists” the general tasks of projecting stability and assesses the possibilities of implementing the „Package on South”. Projecting stability comprises a relatively new topic in foreign literature, and it does not exist in the Hungarian academic literature, although the realization of the tasks of the Southern strategic direction is Hungary's top priority.

Keywords: NATO, Projecting Stability, Southern Region, Package on the South, partnership, cooperative security, Warsaw Summit, Brussels Summit

Col. Klára Kecskeméthy Siposné: The NATO Security Investment Program in Hungary 27

The present study reviews the co-financed programs for the development and maintenance of NATO collective defense, their budget background, the established NATO Security Investment Program and Hungary's accession to it. It describes the creation of a national organizational framework for NATO investments and the development of their legal framework. The author reviews the most important NSIP investments and results of the past 20 years, which served as the basis for the NATO accession of Hungary and the Hungarian Defense Forces, as well as the creation of interoperability. The implementation process of projects in the 11 current capability packages and the operation of the NATO Supplier Information System are also presented.

Keywords: NATO Security Investment Program, Capability Package, Strategic Airlift Capability, NATO Force Integration Unit, NATO Supplier Information System

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The Hungarian special operations forces are in for significant changes. With the establishment of a Regional Special Operations Component Command (R-SOCC), a critical NATO shortfall will be addressed in accordance with the special operations mission and capability development plan of NATO and NSHQ. The establishment of the Regional Command would mean a huge leap to the elimination of capacity deficit. The planning and execution of special operations, the efficiency of procurements and training, including innovation, would significantly improve. Therefore, together with partner countries, Hungary may contribute to the mitigation of capability gaps and enhancing security.

Keywords: special operations forces, NATO, EU, NATO Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ), Regional Special Operations Component Command, deployable command

- Lt. Col. Mihály Nyitrai: The role and position of the Military National Security Service in the protection of Hungary's national security 54

The Military National Security Service, established on 1 January 2012 through the integration of the Military Intelligence Office and the Military Security Office of the Republic of Hungary, plays an important role in the protection of Hungary's national security interests. In the current, fast-changing world there is an ever growing need for the experience and activities of the Service as there are a lot of new threats, such as illegal migration, terrorism, and organisations of human trafficking, or cyber attacks.
Keywords: national security, intelligence, counter-intelligence, Hungarian Defence Forces

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The present article is the second – and concluding – part of a paper analysing the history of military and political cooperation between Israel and the South-African Republic between 1968 and 1994. It focuses on Israel's breaching the international arms-trade boycott introduced against the South African Republic, including the diplomatic aspects, and the Israeli attempts to disguise such relations. The paper also introduces the possible ideological grounds of the cooperation between the two countries, and concludes with the presentation of the end of relations.

Keywords: Israel, South-African Republic, arms trade, ideology, realpolitik,

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- Lt. Col. Gyula Bene: The effect of social media on the armed forces 86

Nowadays internet and social media are integral part of life. This is true not only for civil society but also the military, and the issue is rather burning. Social media are one of the most diverse and researched fields of our times, their influence can be perceived daily. Their use has a lot of advantages for the members of armed forces, however, there are some risks also involved. The paper presents the influence of social media on military forces and individual soldiers through foreign examples which provide useful information for the Hungarian Defence Forces and its service members.

Keywords: operational security, soft cyber attack, strategic communication, information operations, ISIS-propaganda, impact analysis of social media, paradigm change

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The paper analyses a military force which has taken active part in the past armed conflicts and gained a lot of diverse operational experience. The selection of prospective officer cadets in the British Land Forces is a rather complex, multi-tier, competency-based system. As a result, one can become a military officer cadet in the British Army only after a multi-round, multiple day testing before an evaluation committee, and group testing is also part of the process. The most determining part of the assessment is the testing of potential leadership (command) capabilities, the existence of cooperative capacities, and ability to provide mutual support.

Keywords: leader selection, British Land Forces, officer training, assessment centre

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This paper provides an overview of the applications of GIS by air defence units in the past, at present, and of their development possibilities. Spatial information is of crucial importance to the military commander in both decision making and planning. Computer-based Geographical Information Systems (GIS) can provide automated assistance to military forces' terrain analysis function. Military leaders are heavily dependent on GIS and GPS (Global Positioning Systems) in making tactical decisions when commanding troops, supplies, equipment for aircraft, and informing them of possible threats, problems with supplies and equipment on the field.

Keywords: Geographical Information System, ASOC, MASE, ACCS

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From the autumn 2017 to early 2018 the author of the article conducted research on the military hospitals in Kecskemét (No. 9) and Szolnok (No. 10) in the archives of the MoD Institute of Military History

and Museum. Up to now the two buildings of military designation had been regarded as serial designs, therefore the name of their designer had been unknown since the completion of the construction works. The Szolnok military hospital was already torn down therefore it could not be examined personally, however, the Kecskemét establishment was found as a unique design with beautiful proportions. This provided the inspiration for the author to categorise this building into the known designs of her father. The buildings of the Rákóczi Ferenc II Military Secondary School in Mátyásföld, Budapest, also designed by László Wágner, were constructed after the design of the hospitals.

Keywords: László Wágner, No 9 Military Hospital Kecskemét, No 10 Military Hospital Szolnok, Rákóczi Ferenc II Military Secondary School (Mátyásföld), architecture of socialist realism, modernism

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Keywords: commemoration of heroes, Dévaványa, Tápiószecső, twin memorials

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Between October 1938 and March 1939 the Hungarian-Czechoslovakian relations, parallel with the Hungarian territorial restoration efforts, grew extremely tense. As a consequence there were a number of border incidents between the forces of the two countries, among which the most serious took place near the town of Munkács (Mukachevo) on 6th January 1939. The second part of the paper introduces the causes, aftermath, and consequences of this border incident.

Keywords: Transcarpathia, Munkács, Oroszvég, map correctors, paramilitary troops, Rongyos Gárda, Carpathian Sich

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