

ABSTRACT

MILITARY ORGANISATION AND FORCE DEVELOPMENT

Gen. (Ret.) Ferenc Végh: Our defence forces from the regime change to date (2) 3

The Hungarian Defence Forces were established during the revolution and war of independence of 1848, whose 170th anniversary is being celebrated this year. In his two-part study the author – former Commander of the Hungarian Defence Forces, Chief of General Staff – analyses the last three decades of the history of the forces. In the first part of the paper the influence of social environment, the transformation of the command and control system of the Defence Forces, responses to new security policy challenges, the stages of Euro-Atlantic integration, and the process of adaptation to Alliance requirements were examined in details. The second part of the paper focuses on the results of force transformation, dilemmas and military tasks stemming from the changes in the international environment, and the “Zrínyi 2026 National Defence and Armed Forces Development Program”.

Keywords: international missions, exercises, organisational changes, new security threats, technological developments

Lt. Ádám Farkas: Some thoughts on the potential regulation and development trends of the defence of the state 20

The study aims at making proposals for the regulation and development of the defence of the state on the basis of several earlier publications and research findings focusing on the defence system of the state. The objective of the author is to outline system-level suggestions which would inspire further research programs and shift the Hungarian state and legal system towards a complex defence structure matching complex security. A changing security environment, and the need for the development of the state and for making it more efficient clearly indicate the need for the reconsideration and renewal of the defence of the state. Its rule-of-law basis would be provided by the reform of the regulation which would also support and reinforce force development and law enforcement and national security capacity developments as well.

Keywords: defence, national defence, law enforcement, national security, regulation, countering terrorism

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Maj. Xie Shiyuan: Challenges and Prospects – a Chinese approach 33

On the basis of the White book of China in 2017 (China’s policy on Asia-Pacific Security Cooperation, issued by the Ministry of Defence of the People’s Republic of China, January 1, 2017), China’s concept of promoting the multilateral and effective security structure of the Asia-Pacific region is analysed. Its topics are as follows: the necessity of promoting the multilateral security structure of the Asia-Pacific region; China’s concept of the multilateral security structure of the Asia-Pacific region, and China’s positive attitude; China’s participation in international cooperation in the field of multilateral security of the Asia-Pacific region.

Keywords: China, Asia-Pacific region, security structure, security framework.

Sgt. Imre Nagy: A transformation of the armed conflicts in Africa? 45

Since the end of decolonisation process, the states on the African continent have been suffering from endless crises and conflicts. The first decade of the new millennium saw the end of a number of conflicts or at least the decrease of their intensity resulting in positive tendencies – at least as compared to the 1990s. In many cases the interventions managed by great powers or international organisations allowed to halt bloodshed or at least their escalation. Nevertheless, Africa is still the second of the hottest spots of the world – after the Middle East – as far as armed conflicts are concerned because in many countries wars rage, Salafist and Jihadist organisations got established, which through their cross-border activities exploit the existing local conflicts for their own benefit. This way, using the knowledge, experience and social network of fighters, warriors, and experts coming from other war zones, these organisations apply new combat techniques and armaments transforming the characters of African conflicts.

Keywords: hybrid warfare, new threats, Salafist-Jihadist networks, altered operational environment

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 Nowadays the exploitation level of Hungarian military airports is low; however, the technical assistance and the personnel serving flight operations are available 24 hours/365 days in the same way as in the case of major, civilian airports. The sizes of the Hungarian military airports and their fundamental infrastructural elements are just partly adequate for civilian traffic – in some places, they are even limited – but it is possible to establish new service locations. Both state and military leaders are committed to exploit the economic potential of military airbases' mixed use.
 Keywords: mixed-use airports; military airbases; International Civil Aviation Organization – ICAO
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 Intelligence production process is described with the intelligence cycle, whose steps are: direction, collection, processing (analysis) and dissemination. The “soul” and the focal point of the intelligence cycle is the collection coordination and intelligence requirement management (CCIRM). This activity ensures the efficiency and the adequate results of intelligence operations in order to meet the intelligence requirements at tactical, operational and strategic levels, and enable the flow of intelligence requirements and information both vertically and horizontally.
 Keywords: intelligence, collection, intelligence requirement, request for information
- Lt. Col. Éva Faragó Országné: An overview of the regulation of physical fitness tests 79
 During the past 20 years, the method of the Physical Fitness Test of the personnel in the Hungarian Defence Forces has evolved and been fine-tuned continuously in accordance with the requirements of the times. In order to get the methodology of the Physical Fitness Test to meet the demands of modern armed forces it is necessary to employ scientific research in order to find new methods and requirements.
 Keywords: Physical Fitness Test, requirements, legal regulation

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- Lt. Col. József János Szabados: The necessity of Logistic Information System and its development opportunities in the Hungarian Defence Forces 89
 In the 21st century a modern army cannot exist without a logistic information system. The objective of the Zrínyi 2026 National Defence and Armed Forces Development Program is to turn the Hungarian Defence Forces into determining armed forces of the region. In his study the author wishes to call attention to the fact that in order to reach this goal the ALAP program has to be continued and the aLOGIR has to be extended over the entire area of logistic support in the Hungarian Armed Forces.
 Keywords: logistic information system, Zrínyi 2026, ALAP, aLOGIR
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 Keywords: disaster management, communication, signals, information system

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 Keywords: Piave offensive, General Svetozar Boroevic, 6th Field Army, Isonzo Army, Hungarian divisions, Lt Gen Ludwig Goiginger, Montello
- Lt. Col. (Res.) Sándor Mihók: War bonds in Hungary during the First World War 127
 During the Great War, war-bonds were issued in Hungary eight times – between November 1914 and June 1918, usually in autumn and spring – for a nominal value of more than 18 billion Koronas. The

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Keywords: Great War, Kingdom of Hungary, military economy, war bond, war propaganda

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Miklós Szabó: The “Prague Spring” and the military occupation
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Many experts have already dealt with the crisis and military intervention in Czechoslovakia in 1968 – from different aspects and in different ways. At the same time just a few of them did research – of various depth and precision – of the “Zala” fonds of the Military History Archives. Through the HL MN “Zala” fonds, the present study gives the readers an insight into the Hungarian diplomatic reports relating to the preparation and execution of the occupation, and presents the diplomatic information at the disposal of Hungarian decision makers during the crisis.

Keywords: “Prague Spring”, military actions of 1968, military occupation of Czechoslovakia, crisis in Czechoslovakia

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