

## Defense Chronology

Year	Defense	Domestic	International
1945		Aug 15 World War II ends Aug 17 Higashikuni Cabinet formed Sep 2 GHQ established Oct 9 Shidehara Cabinet formed Oct 15 General Staff Office and Military Command abolished Nov 30 Army and Navy Ministries abolished	Oct 24 United Nations established
1946		Jan 27 GHQ orders the suspension of Japanese administrative right over Ryukyu and Ogasawara Islands Feb 26 Far East Commission formed Apr 5 First meeting of Allied Council on Japan Apr 24 Civil administration of Okinawa established May 3 International Military Tribunal for the Far East opened May 22 Yoshida Cabinet formed Nov 3 Constitution of Japan promulgated	Jan 10 First session of U.N. General Assembly (London, through February 14) Mar 5 Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech Oct 1 International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg delivers verdicts Dec 19 First Indochina War starts
1947		May 3 Constitution of Japan takes effect Jun 1 Katayama Cabinet formed Dec 17 Police Law promulgated (National Rural Police and municipal police forces established)	Mar 12 Truman Doctrine announced Jun 5 The Marshall Plan announced Oct 5 Comintern established
1948		Mar 10 Ashida Cabinet formed Apr 27 Japan Coast Guard Law promulgated Oct 15 Yoshida Cabinet formed Nov 12 International Military Tribunal for the Far East delivers verdicts	Apr 1 USSR imposes Berlin blockade (through May 12, 1949) May 14 First Middle East War starts (through February 24, 1949) Jun 26 Berlin airlift starts Aug 15 Republic of Korea (ROK) established Sep 9 Democratic People's Republic of Korea established
1949		Jul 5 Shimoyama incident Jul 15 Mitaka incident Aug 17 Matsukawa incident	Jan 25 COMECON established Apr 4 North Atlantic Treaty signed by 12 nations (becomes effective August 24) Apr 21 Nationalist-Communist talks break up; Chinese Communist Army launches general offensive May 6 Federal Republic of Germany established (West Germany) Sep 24 USSR declared possession of atomic bomb Oct 1 People's Republic of China established

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1949					Oct 7	German Democratic Republic established (East Germany)
					Dec 7	Chinese Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan
1950	Jul 8	General MacArthur authorizes the establishment of the National Police Reserve, consisting of 75,000 men, and the expansion of the Japan Coast Guard by 8,000 men	Jun 21	John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of State, visits Japan	Jan 27	U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries
	Aug 10	National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect	Nov 24	U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan	Feb 14	China-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance signed
	Aug 13	Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police Reserve begins			Jun 25	Korean War (ends July 27, 1953)
	Aug 14	Masuhara appointed first Director-General of the national Police Reserve			Jul 7	United Nations Force formed for dispatch to Korea
	Sep 7	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima			Sep 15	U.N. troops land at Inchon
					Oct 25	Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War
					Dec 18	NATO Defense Commission agrees to establishment of NATO Forces
1951	Jan 23	Minister of State Ohashi takes charge of the National Police Reserve	Jan 29	First Yoshida-Dulles talks (peace treaty negotiations)	Aug 30	U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty signed
	Mar 1	Special recruitment of Military and Naval Academy graduates to serve as police officers 1st and 2nd class begins	Sep 8	49 countries sign Peace Treaty with Japan	Sep 1	Australia-New Zealand-U.S. sign ANZUS Treaty
	Oct 20	Ozuki unit dispatched for the first time on a rescue-relief operation to Kita Kawachi Village, Yamaguchi Prefecture, in the wake of Typhoon Ruth	Oct 26	House of Representatives approves Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty (House of Councillors approval given November 18)		
1952	Feb 28	Japan-U.S. Administrative Agreement signed	Apr 28	Japan-Taiwan Peace Treaty concluded	Jan 18	ROK proclaims sovereignty over neighboring ocean areas (Rhee Line)
	Apr 26	Maritime Guard established within the Japan Coast Guard		Japan-U.S. Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty enter into force	May 26	U.S.-U.K.-France sign peace agreement with Germany
	Jul 26	Japan-U.S. Facilities and Areas Agreement signed		Far East Commission, Allied Council, and GHQ abolished	May 27	European Defense Community (EDC) Treaty signed
	Jul 31	National Safety Agency Law promulgated	May 1	May Day riot at Imperial Palace Plaza	Oct 3	U.K. carries out its first atomic bomb test
	Aug 1	National Safety Agency established	Jul 21	Subversive Activities Prevention Law promulgated and enters into force	Nov 1	U.S. carries out its first hydrogen bomb test
	Oct 15	National Safety Force inaugurated				

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1952	Oct 30	Kimura appointed Director-General of the National Safety Agency				
1953	Jan 1	Security Advisory Group in Japan inaugurated	Aug 1	Weapons Production Law promulgated	Mar 5	USSR General Secretary Stalin dies
	Apr 1	National Safety Academy (predecessor of National Defense Academy) established	Dec 25	Japanese administrative rule over Amami Islands restored	Jul 27 Aug 12	Truce signed in Korean War USSR carries out its first hydrogen bomb test
	Oct 30	Ikeda-Robertson talks; joint statement issued on gradual increase in self-defense strength			Oct 1	U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty signed
1954	Mar 8	Mutual Defense Assistance (MDA) agreement signed	Mar 1	Daigo Fukuryu maru (Lucky Dragon V) incident	Mar 1	U.S. carries out hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll
	May 14	Japan-U.S. sign Land Lease Agreement on naval vessels	Dec 10	Hatoyama Cabinet formed	Jul 21	Geneva Agreement on armistice in Indochina signed
	Jun 2	House of Councillors passes resolution prohibiting dispatch of troops overseas			Sep 3	Chinese People's Liberation Army shells Quemoy and Matsu for the first time
	Jun 9	Promulgation of Defense Agency Establishment Law, Self-Defense Forces Law and Protection of National Secrecy Law pertaining to the MDA			Sep 8	South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed by signing of collective defense pact
	Jul 1	Defense Agency established; Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces inaugurated			Dec 2	U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty signed
Dec 10	Omura appointed Minister of State for Defense					
1955	Mar 19	Sugihara appointed Minister of State for Defense	May 8	Protests begin at Sunagawa Base	Apr 18	Africa-Asia conference held at Bandung
	May 6	Live shell fire by U.S. forces at Kita Fuji Maneuver Area; opposition to firing intensifies	Aug 6	First World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held at Hiroshima	May 5	West Germany formally admitted to NATO
	Jul 31	Sunada appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug 31	Shigemitsu-Dulles meeting; joint statement issued on revision of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	May 14	Signing of Warsaw Pact
	Nov 22	Funada appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov 14	Japan-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement signed		
			Dec 19	Atomic Energy Basic Law promulgated		
1956	Jan 30	Japan-U.S. joint statement on reduction of Japan's share of defense spending	Feb 9	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bomb tests (House of Councillors, February 10)	Feb 14	Stalin criticized at the 20th Congress of Soviet Communist Party in Moscow; Khrushchev proclaims policy of peaceful co-existence with the West
	Mar 22	Japan-U.S. Technical Agreement relating to sharing of knowledge on patents and technology signed in accordance with MDA	Oct 19	Joint declaration on restoration of Japanese-Soviet relations	Apr 17	USSR announces dissolution of Comintern
	Mar 23	Defense Agency moved to Kasumiga-seki	Dec 18	Japan joins the U.N.	Jul 26	Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal
			Dec 23	Ishibashi Cabinet formed	Oct 23	Hungarian Revolution

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1956	Jul 2	National Defense Council Composition Law promulgated			Oct 29	Second Middle East War (Suez War) (through November 6)
	Sep 20	First domestically-produced F-86F fighter delivered				
	Dec 23	Prime Minister Ishibashi concurrently becomes Minister of State for Defense				
1957	Jan 31	Acting Prime Minister Kishi concurrently becomes, ad interim, Minister of State for Defense	Feb 25	Kishi Cabinet formed	May 15	U.K. conducts its first hydrogen bomb test
	Feb 2	Kotaki appointed Minister of State for Defense	Mar 15	House of Councillors passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs	Aug 26	USSR announces successful ICBM test
	May 20	Basic Guidelines for National Defense adopted by the National Defense Council and the Cabinet	Aug 6	Japan-U.S. Security Council inaugurated	Oct 4	USSR launches the world's first man-made satellite, Sputnik 1
	Jun 14	First Defense Build-up Plan adopted by the National Defense Council and approved by the Cabinet			Nov 23	World Congress of Communist Parties issues the Moscow Declaration
	Jun 21	Kishi-Eisenhower talks; joint statement on the early withdrawal of the USFJ issued				
	Jul 10	Tsushima appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1958	Jan 14	First ocean training exercises (Hawaii, through February 28)	Apr 18	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs	Oct 23	Dulles talks with Chiang Kai-shek; joint statement issued denying counteroffensive against mainland China
	Feb 17	ASDF begins measures to counter invasions of territorial airspace	Sep 11	Fujiyama-Dulles talks (Washington); agreement on revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Dec 17	U.S. test-launches Atlas ICBM
	Jun 12	Sato appointed Minister of State for Defense	Oct 4	Commencement of Japan-U.S. talks on the revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty		
1959	Jan 12	Ino appointed Minister of State for Defense	Mar 30	Tokyo District Court ruled the stationing of U.S. forces to be unconstitutional in the Sunagawa case	Aug 25	China-Indian border dispute
	Jun 18	Akagi appointed Minister of State for Defense	Dec 16	Original ruling in the Sunagawa case was reversed by the Supreme Court	Sep 18	Soviet Premier Khrushchev proposes total and complete disarmament at U.N.
					Sep 27	U.S.-Soviet summit; joint statement issued at Camp David
					Dec 1	Antarctica Treaty signed
1960	Jan 11	Defense Agency moves to Hinoki-cho	Jan 19	New Japan-U.S. Security Treaty signed (goes into force June 23)	Feb 13	France conducts its first nuclear test
	Jul 19	Esaki appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jul 19	Ikeda Cabinet formed	May 1	U-2 reconnaissance plane belonging to U.S. shot down in Soviet airspace
	Dec 8	Nishimura appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jul 20	U.S. conducts successful underwater launch of Polaris SLBM

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1960					Dec 20	Formation of the South Viet Nam National Liberation Front
1961	Jan 13	National Defense Council decides to reorganize GSDF units (into 13 divisions); presented to Cabinet January 20			May 16	Military junta seizes power in coup d'état in ROK
	Jul 18	Fujieda appointed Minister of State for Defense Second Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet			Jul 6	Soviet-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed
					Jul 11	China-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed
					Aug 13	Construction of Berlin Wall
1962	Jul 18	Shiga appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct 20	Chinese-Indian border dispute (through November 22)
	Nov 1	Defense Facilities Administration Agency established			Oct 24	U.S. Navy imposes sea blockade of Cuba (through November 20)
	Nov 9	Shiga visits U.S. for first time as Minister of State for Defense (through November 26)			Oct 28	USSR General Secretary Khrushchev declares dismantling of missile bases in Cuba
1963	Jul 18	Fukuda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug 14	Japan joins to Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty	Jun 20	Agreement signed for U.S.-Soviet hotline
					Aug 14	Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed by U.S.-USSR-U.K. (comes into force on Oct 10)
1964	Jul 18	Koizumi appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun 15	Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty comes into force for Japan	Aug 2	Gulf of Tonkin incident
			Nov 9	Sato Cabinet formed	Oct 16	China successfully carries out its first nuclear test
			Nov 12	U.S. nuclear submarine (Sea Dragon) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time		
1965	Feb 10	Diet debate on Mitsuya study	Jun 22	Japan-ROK Basic Treaty signed	Feb 7	U.S. starts bombing Viet Nam
	Jun 3	Matsuno appointed Minister of State for Defense			Sep 1	Second India-Pakistan conflict (through September 22)
	Nov 20	Icebreaker Fuji leaves on first mission to assist Antarctic observation (through April 8, 1966)				
1966	Aug 1	Kambayashiyama appointed Minister of State for Defense			May 16	Cultural Revolution starts in China
	Nov 29	Outline of Third Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet			Jul 1	France withdraws from the NATO command
	Dec 3	Masuda appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct 27	China carries out its first successful nuclear missile test
1967	Mar 13	Key matters for inclusion in Third Defense Build-up Plan agreed by National Defense Council; adopted by Cabinet on March 14	Mar 29	Sapporo District Court rules in Eniwa Case	Jun 5	Third Middle East War (through June 9)
					Jun 17	China carries out its first successful hydrogen bomb test
					Jul 1	Formation of European Community (EC)

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1967					Aug 8	Formation of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
1968	Nov 30	Arita appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan 19 Jun 26	U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (Enterprise) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time Ogasawara Islands revert to Japan	Jan 23 May 13 Jul 1 Aug 20 Aug 24	Seizure of U.S. Navy intelligence vessel Pueblo by North Korea First formal Vietnamese peace talks held in Paris Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signed Soviet and Eastern European troops invade Czechoslovakia France carries out its first hydrogen bomb test in the South Pacific
1969	Jan 10	National Defense Council decision to produce 104 F-4E aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet	Nov 21	Sato-Nixon joint statement (extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, return of Okinawa to Japan by 1972)	Mar 2 Jun 10 Jul 2	Armed clashes between Chinese and Soviet forces on Chenpao Island (Damansky Island) South Viet Nam announces establishment of Provisional Revolutionary Government Nixon Doctrine announced
1970	Jan 14 Oct 20	Nakasone appointed Minister of State for Defense Publication of "The Defense of Japan," the first white paper on defense	Feb 3 Feb 11 Mar 31 Jun 23 Nov 25	Japan signs Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty First domestically produced artificial satellite successfully launched Yodo hijacking Automatic extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Yukio Mishima commits suicide by ritual disembowelment at the GSDF Eastern Army Headquarters in Ichigaya	Jan 24 Mar 5 Aug 12	Formation of integrated Warsaw pact forces (involving seven countries) Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force West Germany-USSR sign non-aggression pact
1971	Jun 29 Jul 5 Jul 30 Aug 2 Dec 3	Okinawa Defense Agreement (Kubo-Curtis Agreement) signed Masuhara appointed Minister of State for Defense All Nippon Airways plane collides with SDF aircraft (Shizukuishi) Nishimura appointed Minister of State for Defense Ezaki appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun 17 Nov 24	Agreement on the Return of Okinawa signed House of Representatives resolution on non-nuclear weapons	Feb 11 Sep 30 Oct 25 Dec 3	Signing of treaty forbidding the use of the seabed for military purposes U.S.-USSR sign agreement on measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution to admit China and expel Taiwan Third India-Pakistan conflict (through December 17)
1972	Feb 7	National Defense Council adopts Outline of 4th Five-Year Defense Build-up Plan, approved by Cabinet on February 8	Jan 7 Apr 10 May 15	Sato-Nixon joint statement on the agreement of the return of Okinawa and the reduction of bases Japan signs Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) Return of Okinawa	Feb 28	President Nixon visits China; China-U.S. Joint Communiqué

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1972	Apr 17 Jul 7 Oct 9	National Defense Council decision on SDF deployment in Okinawa, presented to Cabinet on April 18 Masuhara appointed Minister of State for Defense National Defense Council determines key matters for inclusion in Fourth Defense Build-up Plan and measures to enhance civilian control, adopted by Cabinet	Jul 7 Sep 29	Tanaka Cabinet formed Prime Minister Tanaka visits China; normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China	Apr 10 May 26 Jul 3 Dec 21	Signing of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction SALT-I and agreement to limit ABM signed on the visit of President Nixon to USSR India-Pakistan truce signed East-West Germany Basic Treaty signed
1973	Jan 23 Feb 1 May 30 Jul 1	14th Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting agrees on consolidation of U.S. bases in Japan (Kanto Program) Defense Agency publishes Peacetime Defense Strength Yamanaka appointed Minister of State for Defense Commencement of SDF air defense mission on Okinawa	Sep 7 Sep 21 Oct 8	Sapporo District Court rules SDF unconstitutional (Naganuma Judgement) Japan-North Viet Nam establish diplomatic relations Japan-Soviet summit (Moscow)	Jan 27 Mar 29 Jun 22 Oct 6 Oct 17	Viet Nam peace agreement signed (cease-fire takes effect on January 28) U.S. forces complete their withdrawal from Viet Nam General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union visits U.S., convention on the prevention of nuclear war signed Fourth Middle East War (ends October 25) Ten OPEC countries decide to reduce crude oil supplies
1974	Apr 25 Nov 12 Dec 9	National Defense Medical College opens Uno appointed Minister of State for Defense Sakata appointed Minister of State for Defense	Dec 9	Miki Cabinet formed	May 18 Jul 3	India carries out its first underground nuclear test President Nixon visits USSR, Treaty on the Limitation of Underground Nuclear Weapon Tests (Threshold Test Ban Treaty) signed
1975	Aug 29	Japan-U.S. defense summit meeting (Sakata-Schlesinger, Tokyo)			Mar 26 Apr 30 Aug 1 Nov 15	Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) enters into force Fall of Saigon, South Vietnamese Government surrenders unconditionally Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) adopts the Helsinki Declaration (Helsinki) First summit meeting of most industrialized nations (Rambouillet, through November 17), since held annually
1976	Jun 4 Jul 8	Publication of second white paper on defense, "The Defense of Japan" (henceforth published annually) Sub-Committee for Defense Cooperation	Jun 8 Dec 24	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force for Japan Fukuda Cabinet formed	Jul 2 Aug 18 Sep 9	Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (unified Viet Nam) proclaimed U.S. military officers slain at Panmunjom Death of Chairman of Chinese Communist Party Mao Zedong

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1976	Sep 6	MIG-25 forced to land at Hakodate Airport				
	Oct 29	National Defense Council and Cabinet adopt National Defense Program Outline				
	Nov 5	National Defense Council and Cabinet adopt Immediate-term Defense Build-up Program				
	Dec 24	Mihara appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1977	Apr 15	Establishment of systematic defense programs	Jul 1	Implementation of two maritime laws, proclaiming a 200-mile fishing zone and 12-mile territorial waters	Jun 30	South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) dissolved (Treaty remains effective)
	Aug 10	Defense Agency starts Emergency Legislation Study			Aug 1	North Korea establishes military demarcation lines in Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea
	Nov 28	Kanemaru appointed Minister of State for Defense				
	Dec 28	National Defense Council decides on introduction of "F-15s and P-3Cs," approved by Cabinet on December 29				
1978	Sep 21	Defense Agency announces modality and purpose of emergency legislation study (ASDF) First Japan-U.S. joint training exercises (east of Misawa and west of Akita, through December 1)	Aug 12	Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People's Republic of China signed in Beijing	Sep 7	Camp David Agreement
	Nov 27	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee approves Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Cooperation, presented to and approved by Cabinet following deliberation by the National Defense Council on November 28	Dec 7	Ohira Cabinet formed	Dec 16	U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty annulled
	Dec 7	Yamashita appointed Minister of State for Defense			Dec 25	Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia
1979	Jan 11	Introduction of E-2C approved by National Defense Council and Cabinet	Nov 9	Second Ohira Cabinet formed	Jan 1	U.S. and China normalize diplomatic relations
	Jul 17	Announcement of Mid-Term Defense Estimate (FY1980-FY1984)			Jan 7	Fall of Phnom Penh, establishment of Heng Samrin regime announced
	Jul 25	Minister of State for Defense Yamashita makes first visit to ROK as an incumbent Minister (through July 26)			Feb 1	Islamic Revolution takes place in Iran
	Nov 9	Kubota appointed Minister of State for Defense			Feb 17	China-Viet Nam conflict (through March 5)
					Mar 26	Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed
					Jun 18	SALT-II signed
					Oct 26	Assassination of ROK President Park Chung Hee
					Dec 27	Soviet Union invades Afghanistan
1980	Feb 4	Hosoda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jul 17	Suzuki Cabinet formed	Apr 11	China-Soviet Treaty on Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance lapses

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1980	Feb 26 Jul 17	Maritime Self-Defense Force takes part in RIMPAC for the first time (through March 18) Omura appointed Minister of State for Defense	Dec 1	Ministerial council on comprehensive national security established	May 18 Sep 22	China tests an ICBM in the direction of the South Pacific for the first time Iran and Iraq enter into full-fledged war
1981	Apr 22 Oct 1 Nov 30	Defense Agency announces classification of the laws and regulations subject to the Studies on Emergency Legislation (GSDF) First Japan-U.S. joint exercises (in communications) staged at Higashi Fuji Maneuver Area (until October 3) Ito appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov 30	Reshuffled Suzuki Cabinet formed	Dec 13	Poland declares martial law, and establishes the Army Council of National Salvation
1982	Feb 15 May 15 Jul 23 Nov 27	(GSDF) First Japan-U.S. combined command post exercise staged (Takigahara, through February 19) Use of some sections of land within installations and areas located in Okinawa starts under the Special Land Lease Law 1981 Mid-Term Defense Estimate (for FY1983–FY1987) presented to and approved by National Defense Council Tanigawa appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun 8 Jun 9 Sep 9 Nov 27	BWC enters into force in Japan Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW), Protocols I, II and III concluded Supreme Court ruled on Naganuma Nike Missile Base Case Nakasone Cabinet formed	Apr 2 Jun 6 Jun 29 Oct 16	Falklands dispute (ends June 14) Israeli forces invade Lebanon Commencement of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START-I) U.S.-Soviet Union (Geneva) Successful underwater launch of an SLBM by China
1983	Jan 14 Dec 12 Dec 27	Government decides to pave the way for the transfer of military technologies to the U.S. (ASDF) First Japan-U.S. combined command post exercise staged (Fuchu, through December 15) Kurihara appointed Minister of State for Defense	Dec 2 Dec 27	CCW Protocols I, II and III enter into force in Japan Second Nakasone Cabinet formed	Mar 23 Sep 1 Oct 9 Oct 25	U.S. President Reagan announces Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) KAL passenger liner shot down by Soviet fighters over Sakhalin 19 ROK government officials, including cabinet ministers, killed in Burma by North Korean terrorist explosion U.S. and six Caribbean nations send troops to Grenada
1984	Jun 11 Oct 16 Nov 1	(MSDF) First Japan-U.S. combined command post exercise staged (Yokosuka, through June 15) Defense Agency announces procedures etc. of future Studies on Emergency Legislation in “Studies on Legislation to Deal with Emergencies” Kato appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov 1	Reshuffled second Nakasone Cabinet formed		

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1985	Sep 18	Mid-Term Defense Program approved by National Defense Council and Cabinet	Aug 12 Dec 28	Japan Airlines aircraft crashes Reshuffled second Nakasone Cabinet formed	Feb 1	New Zealand refuses to allow U.S. destroyer Buchanan to enter port
	Dec 27	Detailed arrangements for the supply of military technologies to the U.S. concluded			Mar 11	Mikhail Gorbachev installed as General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party
					Mar 12	U.S.-Soviet Union arms control talks begin
				Jun 4	China announces cut of one million personnel from the People's Liberation Army	
1986	Feb 24	First Japan-U.S. integrated command post exercise (through February 28)	Jul 22	Third Nakasone Cabinet formed	Apr 26	Accident at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union
	Jul 1	Security Council Establishment Law enacted			Aug 10	U.S. announces termination of its obligations to New Zealand under the ANZUS Treaty
	Jul 22	Kurihara appointed Minister of State for Defense			Sep 22	Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE) adopts final documents (Stockholm)
	Sep 5	Government approves the first transfer of military technology to the U.S.				
	Oct 27	First Japan-U.S. integrated field exercises staged (through October 31)			Oct 11	U.S.-Soviet Union summit talks (Reykjavik, through October 12)
	Dec 30	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet approve plans for dealing with the Immediate-term Defense Build-up Program authorized by the Cabinet on November 5, 1976 and included in the FY1987 budget				
1987	Jan 24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet agree on a program for the future build-up of defense capacity	May 27	Metropolitan Police Department arrests two employees of Toshiba Machine Co., Ltd., in connection with unfair exports that breach the rules of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Strategic Export Controls (COCOM) to Communist areas	Nov 29	KAL airliner blown up by North Korean terrorists while flying over the Bay of Bengal
	Jan 30	Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)			Dec 8	INF Treaty signed
	Nov 6	Kawara appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug 26	Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams enacted		
	Dec 18	Security Council of Japan approves a study on the state of air defense on the high seas			Oct 6	First Japan-U.S. Meeting on COCOM held (Tokyo, through October 7)
					Nov 6	Takeshita Cabinet formed

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1988	Mar 2	Revised protocol of the Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)	Mar 13	Aomori-Hakodate Undersea Tunnel opens	Mar 14	Armed clashes between China and Viet Nam in the waters around the Spratly Islands
	Apr 12	Signing of official documents for the transfer of military technologies in certain areas of defense from the U.S. to Japan under the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement between the two countries	Jun 1	Supreme Court rules on an appeal against the enshrining of an SDF officer killed in an accident	May 29	U.S.-Soviet Union summit talks (Moscow, through June 1, instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged)
			Dec 27	Second Takeshita Cabinet formed	Aug 17	First joint verification of an underground nuclear test carried out by U.S. and Soviet Union (Nevada)
	Jul 23	Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka)			Aug 20	Cease-fire agreement reached in Iran-Iraq War
	Aug 24	Tazawa appointed Minister of State for Defense			Dec 7	General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet troops
Nov 29	Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint development					
1989	Jan 27	Establishment of a commission for the study of defense capability	Jan 7	Emperor Showa dies	Feb 15	Soviet Union completes the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan
	Jun 3	Yamazaki appointed Minister of State for Defense	Feb 24	Emperor Showa's funeral	May 17	China-Soviet summit (Beijing): state-to-state and government-to-government relations normalized Gorbachev announces the reduction of the Soviet Far East forces by 120,000 (Beijing)
	Aug 10	Matsumoto appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun 3	Uno Cabinet formed		
			Aug 10	Kaifu Cabinet formed	Nov 9	GDR permits free departures to the West (virtual demolition of the Berlin Wall)
Dec 2	U.S.-Soviet summit talks (Malta, through December 3)					
1990	Feb 28	Ishikawa appointed Minister of State for Defense	Feb 28	Second Kaifu Cabinet formed	Aug 2	Iraq invades Kuwait
	Jun 19	Japan-U.S. Joint Committee confirms that the two countries will push ahead with procedures to coordinate the return of facilities by U.S. forces (23 items) in Okinawa	Aug 30	Government decides to donate US\$1 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region	Sep 30	Soviet Union-ROK establish diplomatic relations
			Sep 14	Government pledges an additional US\$1 billion of economic aid toward efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region plus US\$2 billion to countries adjacent to the conflict	Oct 3	German unification
	Jun 21	Japan and the U.S. reach agreement in principle on the establishment of a ministerial conference on security	Oct 16	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet	Nov 19	CFE Treaty and 22-Nation Joint Declaration, signing of Paris Charter Signing of CSBM Vienna document

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1990	Dec 20	Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991–FY1995) approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet	Nov 10	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations annulled		
	Dec 29	Ikeda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov 12	Coronation of Emperor		
1991	Jan 14	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 17)	Jan 17	Cabinet approves the establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters	Jan 17	Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Desert Storm
	Jan 25	Cabinet approves ordinance on interim measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees (promulgated and enacted on January 29)	Jan 24	Government pledges an additional US\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region	Feb 24	Coalition forces ground troops advance on Kuwait and Iraq
	Apr 26	Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf	Nov 5	Miyazawa Cabinet formed	Feb 28	Coalition forces cease combat action against Iraq
	Jun 3	Disaster relief dispatch with the eruption of Fugendake on Mount Unzen (through December 16, 1995)			Mar 31	Warsaw Pact structures dismantled
	Oct 9	SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time			Jun 25	Croatian and Slovenian Republics secede from Yugoslavia
	Nov 5	Miyashita appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jul 10	Russian President Yeltsin takes office
					Jul 31	U.S.-Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow
					Sep 6	Soviet State Council approves independence of three Baltic states
					Sep 17	ROK and North Korea simultaneously admitted to the U.N.
					Dec 8	CIS agreement signed by leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine at summit
1992	Apr 1	Custody of Government aircraft (B-747) transferred to the Defense Agency	Jun 29	Law Revising Part of the Law Concerning the Dispatch of International Disaster Relief Teams comes into force	Feb 7	EC countries sign the European Union Treaty (Maastricht Treaty)
	Sep 17	SDF units dispatched to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) (through September 26, 1993)	Aug 10	International Peace Cooperation Law comes into force	Feb 25	China promulgates and enacts Territorial Waters Act, designating the Senkaku Islands as an integral part of China
	Dec 11	Nakayama appointed Minister of State for Defense	Oct 23	Emperor and Empress visit China (through October 28)	May 25	IAEA officials make the first designated inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities (through June 5)
	Dec 18	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet authorize modification of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991–FY1995)			Jun 16	Massive cuts in strategic arms agreed at U.S.-Russia summit in Washington (through June 17)
					Jul 2	U.S. President Bush announces completion of the withdrawal to the U.S. of ground- or sea-based tactical nuclear weapons deployed overseas
				Aug 24	China-ROK establish diplomatic relations	
				Nov 9	CFE Treaty becomes formally effective	

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1992					Nov 24	U.S. completes withdrawal of its Armed Forces from the Philippines
1993	May 11	SDF units dispatched to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) (through January 8, 1995)	Jan 13	Japan signs CWC	Jan 3	U.S.-Russia summit (Moscow); START-II signed
	Jul 12	Disaster relief teams dispatched to Hokkaido in response to the earthquake off southwestern Hokkaido (through August 12)	Jun 9	Wedding ceremony of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince	Jan 13	Signing of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction
	Aug 9	Nakanishi appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug 9	Hosokawa Cabinet formed	Mar 12	North Korea announces secession from NPT
	Oct 13	Japan-Russia agreement on prevention of marine accidents signed			May 29	North Korea conducts ballistic missile test over the central Sea of Japan
	Dec 2	Aichi appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jun 11	North Korea reserves the right to withdraw from the NPT in a joint statement issued during first round of U.S.-North Korea consultations
					Sep 1	U.S. Defense Department announces the Bottom Up Review
					Sep 13	Israel and PLO sign a declaration of the principles of provisional autonomy
					Oct 3	Armed clashes between UNOSOM II and armed Somali factions result in the deaths of 18 U.S. soldiers and a number of casualties
					Nov 1	European Union established
1994	Mar 1	First Japan-China security dialogue (Beijing)	Apr 28	Hata Cabinet formed	Jan 11	NATO summit adopts the Partnership for Peace (PfP)
	Apr 28	Kanda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun 30	Murayama Cabinet formed	Mar 3	IAEA nuclear inspection team starts inspections of seven nuclear facilities declared by North Korea (through March 14)
	Jun 30	Tamazawa appointed Minister of State for Defense			Mar 25	U.S. forces dispatched to Somalia complete their withdrawal
	Sep 17	SDF units dispatched to Zaire to assist Rwandan refugees (through December 28)			Mar 31	U.N. Security Council adopts a chairman's statement to urge North Korea to complete nuclear inspections (North Korea refuses April 4)
	Nov 9	First Japan-ROK working-level defense policy dialogue (Seoul)			Mar 31	COGOM dissolved
	Dec 1	First Asia-Pacific Security Seminar (under the auspices of the National Institute for Defense Studies, through December 17)			Jun 14	North Korea notifies U.S., which holds presidency of the IAEA Charter, of its withdrawal from the IAEA

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1994					Jun 17	Former U.S. President Carter visits North Korea and holds talks with North Korean President Kim Il Sung
					Jul 8	North Korean President Kim Il Sung dies
					Jul 25	First ASEAN Regional Forum (Bangkok)
					Aug 31	Russian troops complete withdrawal from the former GDR and three Baltic countries
					Oct 21	U.S.-North Korea Framework Agreement signed
					Dec 1	Commander of U.S.-ROK Combined Forces devolves operational control in peacetime to ROK forces
					Dec 5	START I comes into force
					Dec 18	Russia starts military operations against Chechnya
1995	Jan 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (through April 27)	Sep 4	Japanese schoolgirl assaulted by three U.S. soldiers based in Okinawa	Jan 1	CSCE changes its name to OSCE
	Mar 20	SDF personnel dispatched teams carry out rescue operations in the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system (through March 23)	Nov 17	Cabinet approves the establishment of a consultation forum to discuss issues relating to U.S. bases in Okinawa	Feb 27	U.S. Department of Defense publishes the EASR
	Jun 5	Japan and ROK defense authorities exchange correspondence on measures to prevent accidents between SDF and ROK military aircraft	Nov 19	Prime Minister Murayama and U.S. Vice President Gore agree on the establishment of the Special Action Committee on Facilities and Areas in Okinawa (SACO)	Mar 9	Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) established
	Jun 9	Security Council of Japan meets for the first time to discuss the state of future defense capabilities (total of 13 meetings through December 14)			May 11	NPT extended indefinitely
	Aug 8	Eto appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jun 7	Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui visits U.S.
	Sep 27	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 1, 1996)			Jul 11	U.S. President Clinton announces the normalization of U.S.-Viet Nam relations
	Sep 29	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture refuses to implement part of the procedure for the acquisition of useable land under the Special Land Lease Law			Dec 14	Formal signing of the Bosnian Peace Agreement in Paris
					Dec 15	10 Southeast Asian nations sign the South East Asia Non-Nuclear Zone Treaty at ASEAN summit meeting
					Dec 20	IFOR, consisting mainly of NATO troops, replaces UNPROFOR and formally commences operations in Bosnia

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1995	Nov 28	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet adopt National Defense Program Outline for the period from FY1996				
	Dec 14	Security Council of Japan adopts the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996–FY2000) (Cabinet Decision of December 15)				
1996	Jan 11	Usui appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan 11	Hashimoto Cabinet formed	Jan 26	START-II ratified by U.S. Senate
	Jan 31	United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)	Apr 12	Prime Minister Hashimoto meets U.S. Ambassador Mondale (agreement reached on the total return of Futenma Air Station, Okinawa, within five to seven years after conditions are satisfied)	Jan 27	France carries out nuclear tests (completion of which announced January 29)
	Mar 29	Application for a court order for the Prime Minister to authorize the use of land for U.S. bases as part of the procedure for the acquisition of useable land under the Special Land Lease Law	Apr 15	SACO Interim Report approved by Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee	Mar 8	China carries out missile firing exercises, naval and air force live-fire drills and integrated ground, naval and air force exercises in the waters close to Taiwan on a total of three occasions March 8–25
	Apr 1	Lease expires on part of land being used for Sobe Communication Site	Apr 16	Cabinet approves the promotion of solutions to issues relating to facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Okinawa Prefecture	Mar 23	Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui re-elected
	Apr 15	Signing of Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement and its procedural arrangements	Jul 20	U.N. Treaty on the Law of the Seas goes into effect in Japan	Jul 29	China conducts underground nuclear test (its forty-fifty), then announces moratorium on nuclear testing
	Apr 17	Japan-U.S. Joint Declaration on Security issued	Aug 28	Supreme Court ruled on suit ordering the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture to execute his duty to sign by proxy under the Special Land Lease law for use by the stationing forces	Sep 10	U.N. General Assembly adopts the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
	Jul 26	First visit to Russia by MSDF ships (Vladivostok, through July 30)	Sep 8	Plebiscite held in Okinawa Prefecture	Sep 18	North Korean mini-submarine run aground on the east coast of ROK, its crew intruding into ROK territory
	Sep 2	First visit by MSDF ships to ROK (Pusan, through September 6)	Sep 17	Cabinet approves the establishment of the Okinawa Policy Council	Sep 27	Taliban gains control of the Afghan capital, Kabul, and declares the establishment of a provisional government
	Sep 18	Governor of Okinawa carries out notification and inspection procedures in accordance with the Special Land Lease Law (through October 2)	Nov 7	Second Hashimoto Cabinet formed	Oct 3	Russia-Chechnya cease-fire agreed
	Oct 29	First Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia Pacific Region (through October 31, Tokyo)			Nov 5	Clinton reelected U.S. President
					Nov 18	Basic NATO agreement to keep a multinational stabilization force (SFOR) to succeed IFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina

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1996	Nov 7 Dec 24	Kyuma appointed Minister of State of Defense Security Council and Cabinet approve responses to foreign submarines traveling underwater in Japanese territorial waters	Dec 2	SACO final report approved by Japan-U.S. Joint Security Council		
1997	Jan 20 Apr 23 Apr 25 May 15 Jun 9 Sep 23 Dec 19	Establishment of Defense Intelligence Headquarters Partial amendment to the Special Land Lease Law promulgated and enters into force Provisional use of part of Sobe Communication Station land starts Provisional use of part of the land belonging to 12 facilities including Kadena Air Base starts Self-Defense Official (Director General of the Inspection Bureau) is dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) C-130H aircraft transferred to Utahpao, Thailand for action against armed fighting in Cambodia (through July 16) New Japan-U.S. defense cooperation Security Consultative Committee (SCC) Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996–FY2000) approved by the Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet	Apr 29 Jul 3 Sep 11 Nov 5 Dec 3 Dec 21 Dec 25	CWC enters into force in Japan First artillery live-fire training by U.S. Marines stationed in Okinawa carried out on the mainland of Japan (at Kita Fuji)(through July 9) Second Hashimoto Cabinet inaugurated Plans for the construction of a sea-based heliport presented to the local authority and residents Japan signs Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty Nago City holds a plebiscite on the planned construction of a U.S. heliport Nago City mayor formally announces the acceptance of the sea-based heliport	Mar 14 Apr 29 May 12 Jul 1 Jul 16 Jul 18 Jul 23 Aug 19 Oct 8 Nov 10 Dec 3	China enacts National Defense Law CWC enters into force Russia-Chechnya peace treaty signed Hong Kong reverts to China North Korean soldiers cross the military demarcation line (MDL) and exchange fire with ROK troops NATO and Russia establish a permanent joint council Agreement reached on modification of the framework of the CFE Treaty KEDO holds a ceremony to mark the start of work on the light-water reactors to be provided to North Korea North Korean Labor Party Secretary Kim Jong Il assumes the post of General Secretary China-Russia summit talks: China-Russian joint statement signed (Beijing), and demarcation of the China-Russian eastern border declared Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty signed

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1998	Mar 26	Introduction of a system of SDF ready reserve personnel	Feb 6	Governor of Okinawa refuses to accept the sea-based heliport	Feb 23	U.N. and Iraq sign a memorandum of understanding on the agreement by Iraq to allow immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access to inspectors
	Apr 28	The signing of an agreement to revise the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement	Jul 30	Obuchi Cabinet formed		
	May 18	C-130H aircraft transferred to Payareva, Singapore in the case of riots in Indonesia (through May 27)	Aug 31	Government refuses to sign Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) resolution on cost sharing after North Korean missile launch	Apr 6	U.K. and France ratify CTBT
	Jun 12	Revision of the International Peace Cooperation Law promulgated and comes into force (the section concerning use of force comes into force July 12)	Sep 1	Temporary freezing of Japan-North Korea normalization talks	May 11	India carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 13)
	Jul 29	Combined search and rescue operation exercise between MSDF/ASDF and Russian Navy—the first large-scale combined exercise between Japan and Russia	Sep 2	Additional sanctions on North Korea (suspension of charter flights) implemented	May 14	Large-scale riots in the Indonesian capital Jakarta
	Jul 30	Nukaga appointed Minister of State for Defense	Oct 21	Japan lifts freeze on cooperation with North Korea and signs KEDO	May 28	Pakistan carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 30)
	Aug 31	North Korea launches missile over and beyond Japanese airspace	Dec 3	CCW revised Protocol II enters into force in Japan	Jun 11	Government of Pakistan announces unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests
	Sep 3	Former Director-General of Central Procurement Office arrested on suspicion of breach of trust; compulsory investigation to Defense Agency	Dec 22	Cabinet decision on the introduction of information-gathering satellite	Jun 22	North Korean submarine trespasses in waters off east coast of ROK and arrested by ROK military forces
	Sep 3	Based on Okinawa Prefectural Land Expropriation Committee decision of use on May 19, usage of most land of 12 facilities, including Kadena Air Base, begins		Aha Training Area returned (the first resolved issue of SACO)	Jul 12	Bodies of armed North Korean special forces found in waters off ROK east coast
	Nov 14	SDF units dispatched to Honduras with Japan Disaster Relief Team (through December 9)			Jul 27	China publishes its first comprehensive defense white paper, "Defense of China"
	Nov 15	First joint exercise involving all three branches (a total of 2,400 personnel from the GSDF, MSDF and ASDF) (Iwo Jima)			Aug 20	U.S. military attacks terrorist facilities in Afghanistan and Sudan
	Nov 19	Announcement of the Basic Policy of Defense Procurement Reform			Sep 5	Kim Jong Il assumes posts of General Secretary of the Worker's Party and Chief of the National Defense Commission of North Korea
	Nov 20	Norota appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct 23	Israel and the Palestinian Authority sign the Wye River Memorandum

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1998	Dec 25	Security Council approves On Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies			Dec 17	U.S. and U.K. military initiate Operation Desert Fox against Iraq as a punishment for refusal to cooperate with UNSCOM inspections (through December 20)
					Dec 18	North Korean semi-submersible infiltrates ROK southern coastal waters and is attacked and sunk by ROK Navy
1999	Mar 23	Discovery of a spy ship of the Noto Peninsula (Maritime security operations ordered on March 24)	Mar 1	Entry into force by Japan of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty	Mar 1	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty enters into force
	Apr 2	Announcement of Concrete Measures of Procurement Reform	Sep 30	Critical accident at a private uranium processing facility in Tokaimura, Ibaraki Prefecture	Mar 24	NATO starts air campaign in Yugoslavia (through June 10)
	May 28	Bill Partially Amending the Self-Defense Forces Law (transportation of Japanese citizens and others in foreign countries) promulgated and comes into force	Oct 5	Second Obuchi Cabinet inaugurated	May 7	NATO forces mistakenly bomb Embassy of China in Yugoslavia
	Aug 5	First Joint Exercise of Search and Rescue Operations between MSDF and ROK Navy (Kyushu western waters)	Oct 12	Suspect Morodomi and 12 others found guilty of malpractice, etc. (Tokyo District Court)	May 20	U.S. inspection team enters North Korean nuclear facility at Kumchang-ni
			Nov 22	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture declares the site proposed for the relocation of Futenma Air Station	Jun 4	Government of the Yugoslav Federation accepts Kosovo conflict peace plan submitted by U.S., EU and Russia
					Jun 10	U.N. Security Council adopts peace resolution which includes deployment of an international security force (KFOR), including operations in Kosovo

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1999	Aug 16	Exchange of official documents and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Japan and the U.S. on Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD)	Dec 1	Former Prime Minister Murayama and his Mission leave for North Korea. This Mission and the Workers' Party of North Korea sign a joint announcement (through December 3)	Jul 9	Taiwan "President" Lee Teng-hui describes China-Taiwan relations as a "special state-to-state relationship"
	Aug 25	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan comes into force	Dec 27	Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture announces the acceptance of alternative facilities for Futenma Air Station	Sep 29	Russian military unit advances into the Republic of Chechnya
	Sep 23	SDF personnel dispatched to implement the transportation of necessary resources for international disaster relief operations in the Republic of Turkey (through November 22)	Dec 28	Cabinet decision on Government Policy for the Relocation of Futenma Air Station	Oct 12	Coup in Pakistan; Prime Minister Sharif overthrown
	Sep 25	Agreement to amend the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement between Japan and the United States enters into force			Oct 13	U.S. Senate rejects ratification of CTBT
	Oct 5	Tsutomu Kawara appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct 25	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution for the establishment of the U.N. Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)
	Nov 22	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for East Timor Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000)			Dec 17	U.N. Security Council establishes UNMOVIC
	Dec 17	The Security Council approves the Investigation of Functions Related to In-flight Refueling			Dec 20	Rule over Macao transferred from Portugal to China
					Dec 31	Russian President Yeltsin resigns

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2000	Mar 29	Disaster relief dispatch for the eruption of Mount Usu begins (through July 24)	Jan 17	Disposal of anti-personnel mines by civilians begins	Jan 4	Italy establishes diplomatic relations with North Korea (first of the G7 to do so)
	May 8	Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building	Feb 16	First assembly of the Research Commissions on the Constitution in the Upper House (Lower House on February 17)	Feb 6	Acting Russian President Putin declares the conclusion of operations to capture cities in the Chechen Republic
	Jun 16	The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force	Apr 5	Mori Cabinet formed	Mar 18	"Presidential" elections conducted in Taiwan; Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party elected
	Jun 27	Disaster relief dispatch conducted in response to the eruption of Mount Miyake (through October 3, 2001)	Jul 4	Second Mori Cabinet inaugurated	Apr 14	Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II (START II)
	Jul 4	Kazuo Torashima appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jul 21	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23)	May 7	Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes duties as President
	Sep 8	Active MSDF official arrested for leaking secret documents to military attaché of Embassy of Russia	Aug 25	Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established	Jun 13	North-South Korean Summit (through June 15, Pyongyang)
	Sep 11	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 1, 2001)	Nov 20	The 22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF	Jul 21	U.S.-Russia summit meeting held, Cooperation on Strategic Stability announced
	Sep 13	SDF personnel dispatched to dispose of Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW) in Beian, China	Dec 5	Second Mori Cabinet reshuffled	Aug 12	Russian nuclear-powered submarine Kursk sinks
	Oct 27	Defense Agency finishes report on Review and Reinforcement of Classified Security System			Aug 23	Secretary General of the U.N. publishes a report on U.N. Peace operations
	Dec 5	Toshitsugu Saito appointed Minister of State for Defense			Sep 25	ROK and North Korea hold Defense Ministers Talks (through September 26)
	Dec 15	Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet adopts the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2001–FY2005)			Oct 12	U.S. and North Korea announce U.S.-North Korea Joint Communiqué in Yemen, a small boat explodes, causing great damage to U.S. Navy destroyer USS Cole

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2000					Oct 23	Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visits North Korea (through October 25)
2001	Jan 6	Bureau of Finance and Equipment and Central Contract Office established	Jan 6	Reorganization of Government ministries and agencies into Cabinet Office and 12 ministries and agencies	Jan 15	North Korean General Secretary Kim Jong Il makes unofficial visit to China (through January 20)
	Feb 5	SDF units dispatched to India for International Disaster Relief Operation (through February 11)	Feb 10	The Ehime Maru, a training boat from Ehime Prefecture Uwajima Fisheries High School sinks off Hawaii after collision with U.S. submarine	Jan 20	George W. Bush becomes president of the U.S.
	Feb 9	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC (through March, 2005)			Mar 7	Gloria Macapagal Arroyo becomes president of the Philippines
	Mar 1	The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect	Mar 7	Former Maritime Self-Defense Official is given a jail sentence for providing confidential documents to officer of the Russian Embassy	Apr 1	Sharon Administration is inaugurated in Israel
	Apr 26	Gen Nakatani appointed Minister of State for Defense	Apr 1	Information Disclosure Act (IDA) comes into force	Jun 15	Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes
	Sep 21	First Meeting of the Committee to Consider the Modality of National Defense	Apr 26	Koizumi Cabinet formed	Jun 15	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) established
	Oct 6	International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan refugees (through October 12)	May 3	Suspected North Koreans detained (on suspicion of illegal entry on a falsified passport)	Jul 15	Pakistani President Musharraf visits India and holds meeting with Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee
			Jun 28	Defense Ministry Bill presented to the House of Representatives by Diet members	Sep 3	President and CCP General Secretary Jiang Zemin visits North Korea (through September 5)
			Aug 13	Prime Minister Koizumi visits Yasukuni Shrine	Sep 11	Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur (two airplanes crash into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon, killing thousands)
					Sep 12	U.N. Security Council passes resolution condemning the terrorist attacks

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2001	Nov 2	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law (guarding operations, strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy (defense secrets) ) are promulgated and enforced (strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy is separately enforced on November 1, 2002)	Sep 19	Prime Minister Koizumi announces immediate measures in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S.	Sep 14	Australia decides to invoke the right of collective self-defense under the ANZUS Treaty
			Oct 8	Government of Japan establishes the Emergency Anti-Terrorism Headquarters and decides upon Emergency Response Measures at the First Meeting	Oct 1	U.S. announces Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)
			Oct 29	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and other measures passed in the House of Councillors plenary session	Oct 2	In response to the September 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S., NATO invokes Article 5 (on collective self-defense) of the North Atlantic Treaty
	Nov 9	SDF warship dispatched to the Indian Ocean for information-gathering	Nov 16	A Cabinet decision is made for a basic plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Oct 7	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan
	Nov 25	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, an MSDF supply vessel, minesweeper tender, and destroyers depart for cooperation and support activities	Dec 1	Her Imperial Highness Princess Aiko is born to Their Imperial Highnesses The Crown Prince and Crown Princess	Nov 13	U.S.-Russia Summit held, President George W. Bush announces policy to cut strategic nuclear weapons to between 1,700 and 2,200 over the next ten years
	Nov 29	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, ASDF begins aerial transportation between USFJ bases	Dec 22	Suspicious boat incident in waters southwest of Kyushu	Dec 1	Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progress Party, led by "President" Chen Shui-bian, wins majority in legislative election
	Dec 2	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, MSDF supply vessels begin refueling U.S. ships in the Indian Ocean			Dec 3	U.S. is successful in missile defense testing
		Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, ASDF begins international airlift			Dec 5	U.S. and Russia complete implementation of START I
					Dec 7	Anti-Taliban force in Afghanistan takes over Kandahar
					Dec 13	Assault on the Indian Parliament
				Dec 20	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution establishing an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)	
				Dec 22	Afghanistan Interim Authority formed, with Mr. Hamid Karzai serving as Chairman	
				Dec 29	Russia withdraws troops from its base in Cuba	

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2001	Dec 14	A bill is introduced to partially amend the Law Concerning Cooperation for U.N. PKOs and Other Operations (the abolition of the freeze on Peacekeeping Force headquarter activities, etc.) Security Council approves the Selection of In-flight Refueling Transportation Aircraft Type				
2002	Jan 29	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, MSDF supply vessels begin refueling U.K. warships in the Indian Ocean	Feb 15	Cabinet decision on international cooperation execution plan for East Timor	Jan 8	U.S. Department of Defense submits the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) to Congress
	Mar 2	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to East Timor (through June 25, 2004)	Apr 12	Supreme Court rejected an appeal for the New Yokota Air Base Suit	Jan 21	International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan (through January 22, Tokyo)
	Mar 27	Implementation of law to partially amend the Defense Agency Establishment Law and Self-Defense Forces Law (the Introduction of Candidate for Reserve Personnel introduction of Candidates for Reserve Personnel, etc.)	Apr 16	Cabinet decision on the bill to amend the Law on the Establishment of the Security Council of Japan, the bill to respond to Armed Attacks and the bill to amend the Self-Defense Forces Law	Jan 29	U.S. President Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address
	Apr 1	Establishment of the Labor Management Organization for USFJ Employees, Incorporated Administrative Agency	May 31	FIFA World Cup 2002 Korea/Japan is held	May 4	Russian Army returns Cam Ranh Naval Base to Viet Nam
					May 20	Independence of East Timor The United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in East Timor (UNMISSET)
					May 24	U.S.-Russia Treaty on Strategic Offensive Reductions signed
					May 28	NATO-Russia Summit reaches formal agreement to establish NATO-Russia Council

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2002	Apr 22	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise held (the first multilateral exercise organized by Japan, through May 2)	Jun 11	Investigation Report of Defense Agency Incident Related to List of People Requesting Information Disclosure is released	Jun 13	U.S. officially withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty	
	Apr 29	Prime Minister Koizumi visits PKO unit in East Timor	Jul 29	9th Meeting (i.e. final meeting) of the Consultative Body on Futenma Replacement Facility (CFR) is held	Jun 29	Exchanges of fire between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats which crossed the NLL	
	Sep 30	Ishiba appointed Minister of State for Defense		Basic Plan of the Futenma Replacement Facility agreed	Sep 12	U.S. President Bush makes a statement about Iraq at the U.N. meeting	
	Oct 1	One personnel dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (as an Operation and Planning Director)	Sep 11	Suspicious ship raised from the sea floor (offshore Amami Oshima Island)	Sep 20	U.S. Government announces the National Security Strategy	
	Oct 15	Multilateral search and rescue exercise (Southern Kanto waters and Sagami Bay)	Sep 17	Japan-North Korea Summit held	Oct 3	Assistant Secretary of State Kelly visits North Korea (through October 5)	
	Nov 1	Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law, which strengthens penalties to ensure secrecy, is enforced		Kim Jong-Il, the North Korean President, admits and apologizes for abductions	Oct 12	Terrorist bombing breaks out in Bali	
	Nov 18	SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercise in Hokkaido	Sep 30	Cabinet reshuffle	Oct 16	U.S. Government announces that North Korea admitted the fact that they had a uranium enrichment plan for nuclear weapons when Assistant Secretary of State Kelly visited North Korea	
	Dec 2	One person dispatched to Planning and Control Team, Military Division, Department of Peace-keeping Operations (U.N. DPKO) (New York)	Oct 13	First International Fleet Review in Japan (Tokyo Bay)	Oct 23	Chechen guerillas seize the Dubrovka Theater in Moscow	
	Dec 16	Kirishima, vessel equipped with Aegis air defense systems, departs the port of Yokosuka, according to revision (Dec 6) in the Implementation Plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Oct 15	5 Those abducted return to Japan			
	Dec 19	Joint Staff Council (JSC) reports on Study of Joint Operations to Minister of State for Defense	Oct 23	APEC Summit held			

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2002					Nov 14 KEDO Executive Board decides to freeze provision of heavy oil to North Korea from December Nov 21 NATO Summit decides new membership for seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe, announces the Prague Declaration, and agrees to establish its high-readiness unit Nov 27 U.N. Inspection Team visits Baghdad to resume inspections after four years Nov 29 IAEA Board of Governors decides to request North Korea to accept nuclear inspection Dec 7 Iraq submits a report to the U.N. on its plan for development of weapons of mass destruction Dec 12 North Korea announces it will resume operation and establishment of nuclear-related facilities Dec 13 EU Summit decides new membership for ten countries in Eastern Europe Dec 17 U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system	
2003	Feb 8	Antipersonnel landmines possessed by the SDF are all disposed of (with some exceptions)	Jan 28	Establishment of Consultative Body on Construction of Futenma Replacement Facility concerning to Futenma Air Station replacement	Jan 10 North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Jan 24 U.S. Department of Homeland Security established	

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2003	Mar 30	International peace and cooperation activities are conducted for relief of Iraqi refugees (Airborne unit for Iraqi refugee relief returns to Japan on April 2)	May 30	Personal Information Protection law partially takes effect	Feb 25	Roh Moo-hyun is elected as 16th President of South Korea
			Jun 6	Three Armed Attack situation response related laws are passed at the Upper House plenary session and enacted	Mar 7	UNMOVIC and IAEA present an additional report on inspections in Iraq
	Apr 21	ASDF in-flight refueling training Meeting (through May 1)	Jul 26	Law concerning the Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq passed the House of Councilors plenary session	Mar 7	At the U.N. Security Council meeting for foreign affairs officials, the U.S., U.K., and Spain submit a revised resolution draft to request Iraq to disarm itself of weapons of mass destruction
	Jul 17	International peace and cooperation activities are conducted for relief of affected people in Iraq (Airborne unit for relief of affected people in Iraq returns to Japan August 18)	Sep 14	Government survey mission dispatched to Middle East countries, including Iraq	Mar 15	China's National People's Congress elects Hu Jintao as its President, while Ziang Zemin remains as chairman of the Central Military Commission
	Sep 11	Ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Memorial Zone	Sep 30	Cabinet decides to newly establish, in its decoration system, an award for people engaged in dangerous activities	Mar 17	U.S. and U.K. give up adopting the revised resolution draft on Iraq at U.N. Security Council
	Oct 10	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law remains in force for another two years	Oct 7	Joint communiqué signed for the first time at Japan-China-ROK Summit meeting	Mar 20	U.S. and U.K. forces begin military operations in Iraq
	Nov 3	Former SDF officials decorated for their engagement in dangerous activities	Oct 10	"The Defense Ministry Establishment Bill" was scrapped concurrently with the dissolution of the House of Representatives	Apr 30	U.S., Russia, U.N., and EU present Roadmap to Israeli-Palestinian peace, as a new peace process for Palestine
	Nov 15	SDF special research group dispatched to Iraq	Oct 24	Foreign Minister Kawaguchi announces five billion dollars worth of assistance at the International Donors' Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in Spain	May 1	U.S. President Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq
			Nov 19	Second Koizumi Cabinet formed	May 1	U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld declares termination of major military operations in Afghanistan
					May 22	U.N. Security Council Resolution adopted by a large majority to allow member states to give assistance for reconstruction of Iraq
					May 31	Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) proposed by U.S. President for the first time

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2003	Dec 19	Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and cabinet meeting)	Nov 27	Supreme Court rules on suit related to dispossession of Sobe Communication Site land	Jun 1	U.S.-Russia Summit meeting held and the strategic offensive reductions treaty between U.S. and Russia ratified
	Dec 19	Order issued to GSDF, MSDF, and ASDF concerning implementation of response measures based on the Humanitarian Relief and Iraqi Reconstruction Special Measures Law	Nov 29	Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq	Jul 13	Iraq's Governing Council inaugurated
	Dec 26	ASDF advance team leaves for Kuwait	Dec 9	Cabinet decision made on basic plan for Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq	Aug 5	Suicide bombing against U.S. affiliated-hotel in Jakarta
	Dec 30	Relief materials transported by air in response to great earthquake in Iran under the Law concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams (Iran on January 1 and 2)			Aug 6	Shanghai Cooperation Organization holds joint anti-terrorism military maneuvers (through August 12)
					Aug 19	Suicide bombing on U.N. headquarters in Baghdad
					Aug 27	First Six-Party Talks held (through August 29)
					Sep 12	First joint naval exercise held in the Coral Sea off the northeastern coast of Australia under the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) (through September 14)
					Oct 2	North Korean Foreign Ministry announces it has finished reprocessing spent nuclear fuel rods
					Oct 15	China becomes the third country to successfully launch a manned spacecraft into orbit, following the United States and the former Soviet Union

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2003					<p>Oct 23 International Donors' Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq (Madrid) (through October 24)</p> <p>Oct 23 Russia establishes air force base in Kyrgyz</p> <p>Nov 6 Russia-E.U. Summit held (Rome)</p> <p>Nov 24 U.S. President Bush makes a statement about emphasis on consultation with allies in connection with global posture review of U.S. forces</p> <p>Nov 26 Kashmir ceasefire agreement comes into force</p> <p>Dec 4 Australia decides to participate in missile defense program</p> <p>Dec 5 First meeting of advisory committee on comprehensive U.N. reform held</p> <p>Dec 13 U.S. forces capture former President Hussein in Iraq</p> <p>Dec 18 Iran signs IAEA agreement</p> <p>Dec 19 Libya announces abandonment of weapons of mass destruction program</p> <p>Dec 26 Massive earthquake strikes Iran</p>	
2004	<p>Jan 9</p> <p>Jan 16</p>	<p>Dispatch order issued to GSDF advance team and ADSF main detached airborne unit</p> <p>GSDF advance team leaves for Iraq</p>	Feb 9	<p>Implementation of Iraq-related response measures approved in Diet</p>	Feb 4	<p>Pakistani government admits Dr. Khan's involvement in suspected nuclear technology proliferation issues</p>

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2004	Jan 22	ASDF main contingent leaves for Kuwait	Apr 20	Council for security and defense capabilities established (first meeting held on April 27)	Feb 25	Second Six-Party Talks held (Beijing) (through February 29)	
	Feb 3	Departure of first SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities	May 22	Japan-North Korea Summit held (Pyongyang)	Mar 11	Terrorist bombings on commuter train system in Madrid, Spain	
	Feb 9	MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait (return on April 8)	Jun 14	5 abductees return to Japan	Mar 22	EU General Affairs Council agrees upon development of the structure and organization of the rapid response capabilities of the EU	
	Feb 17	Attempt to fire metal bullets to Defense Agency	Jun 18	Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in Upper House plenary session and conclusion of three treaties approved	Apr 28	UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction	
			Aug 13	Special Measures Law for the Embargo on Specific Ships passed			
			Jun 18	Cabinet agreement for SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty (joining multinational forces)			
				Aug 13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa		

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2004	Aug 1	Dispatch of SDF personnel to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) as Director of Inspection Bureau	Sep 27	2nd Koizumi reshuffled Cabinet formed	Jun 1	Interim Iraqi Government inaugurated, and Iraqi Governing Council dissolved
	Sep 8	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary (commemorative) ceremony	Oct 4	Final report of Council on Security and Defense Capabilities	Jun 23	UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq
	Oct 23	Disaster relief dispatch for Niigata Chuetsu Earthquake (until December 21)			Jun 28	The Third Six-Party Talks (Beijing) (-June 26)
	Oct 25	PSI exercise for maritime interdiction operation hosted by Japan (in the offing of Sagami Bay and in Yokosuka Harbor, -October 27)			Aug 16	Transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government
	Nov 7	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary commemorative troop review			Sep 1	President Bush delivers a speech on the military posture review
	Nov 10	Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered submarine into Japan's territorial waters—Maritime security operations order issued (Until November 12)			Sep 18	Chechen's armed pro-independence rebels seize a school in Beslan of the Russian Republic of North Ossetia
	Dec 10	"National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2005 and after" adopted by the Security Council and the Cabinet			Sep 19	The IAEA Board of Governors adopts a resolution calling for a halt to Iran's uranium enrichment-related activities
		"Mid-Term Defense Program for FY2005—FY2009" adopted by the Security Council and the Cabinet			Oct 6	President Hu Jintao assumes the position of Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Chinese Communist Party
	Dec 28	MSDF ships dispatched to the offing of Thailand's Phuket Island to engage in the international disaster relief activities for Indonesia's Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (until January 1, 2005)			Oct 29	The U.S. and South Korea announce a plan of three-stage reduction of 12,500 U.S. forces stationed in South Korea by 2008
					Nov 16	EU leaders sign the EU Constitution
					Dec 7	Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine's intrusion into Japan's territorial waters
					Dec 26	Karzai sworn in as Afghan president Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster

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2005	Jan 4	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to engage in the international emergency assistance in response to the major earthquake off the coast of Sumatra and tsunami in the Indian Ocean (All units returned home by March 23)	Jan 19	The Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged Chinese nuclear submarines in Japan's territorial waters	Jan 15	China and Taiwan agree on special direct flights Abbas sworn in as Palestinian Authority President
	Feb 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2 + 2"/Washington)—The common strategic objectives confirmed	Mar 14	A Japanese boat was attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew were abducted (Released on March 20)	Jan 30	Iraqi National Assembly elections
	Mar 7	U.K. forces take over security mission in Al Muthanah Governorate of Iraq from the Netherlands	Mar 25	Cabinet decision made on Basic Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians	Feb 4	South Korea 2004 national defense report released
	Apr 14	Crash of an MU-2 rescue and search plane (ASDF/Mountainous area of Aga-machi, Niigata Prefecture)			Feb 10	North Korean Foreign Ministry claims that the country has already manufactured nukes
	May 2	SDF officially takes part for the first time in the multilateral joint exercise "Cobra Gold 05" conducted in Chiang Mai of Thailand (-May 13)			Mar 5	China holds the 3rd session of the 10th National People's Congress(- March 14)/The Anti Secession Law adopted on the last day Syrian President Assad expresses a policy of withdrawing the troops stationed in Lebanon
					Apr 9	Massive anti-Japan demonstrations in Beijing
					Apr 16	Massive anti-Japan demonstrations in Shanghai
					Apr 28	The Iraqi Transitional Government sworn in
					May 11	North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman announces that the country has completed unloading of 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods from its nuclear reactor in Yongbyon
					Jun 24	Conservative Ahmadinejad elected as Iran's new president

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2005	Aug 5	Dispatch of a MSDF vessel to conduct international disaster relief activity in connection with the accident of a small submarine of the Russian Navy off Kamchatka (until Aug 10)	Oct 31	The third Koizumi reshuffled Cabinet is inaugurated. Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended for one year).	Jul 7	Terrorist explosions take place in London
	Oct 12	Dispatch of SDF's units to Pakistan to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the great earthquake in Pakistan etc. (All units returned home by Dec 2)	Nov 3	Japan-North Korea intergovernmental conference resumes after the interval of about one year	Jul 20	The United States and India announce a joint statement concerning the formation of "global partnership" and the enhancement of U.S. cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy by India
	Oct 20	GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint field training against terrorist attack for the first time	Nov 11	The Cabinet approves "the government's actions to be taken for the time being in connection with the matters approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultation Committee held on October 29, 2005"	Jul 26	The first phase of Fourth Six-Party Talks held (until August 7)
	Oct 29	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2"/Washington) announces "U.S.-Japan Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future"	Nov 16	At the Japan-U.S. summit talks, the two countries agree to enhance Japan-U.S. alliance	Aug 18	First-Ever China-Russia Joint Military Exercises, dubbed "Peace Mission 2005," are conducted (until Aug 25)
	Oct 31	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga assumes office	Nov 27	Field training under the Civil Protection Law takes place for the first time in Fukui Prefecture	Sep 1	The Chinese State Council publicizes a white paper titled "China's Arms Control, Arms Reduction and Efforts for Non-Proliferation"
	Dec 24	The Security Council and the Cabinet approve "Japan-U.S. Joint Development of Interceptor Missiles Having Improved Capability of Ballistic Missile Defense"	Dec 8	The Cabinet approves the one-year extension of period of dispatch of SDF units to Iraq	Sep 8	Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore agree to establish a system to jointly monitor vessels navigating through the Malacca Strait. The three countries agree to implement first-ever joint air patrol.
					Sep 9	MSDF's P-3C patrol aircraft identifies that five destroyers of the Chinese Navy, including Sovremenny Class, are navigating in the sea area surrounding "Kashi" gas field near the midway line between Japan and China in the East China Sea
					Sep 13	The Fourth Six-Party Talks resumes (the second phase) (until September 19)
					Oct 12	China succeeds in launching a spaceship named "Shen Zhou-6"
					Oct 15	Iraq conducts a national referendum for the draft constitution
					Nov 9	The first phase of Fifth Six-Party Talks held (until November 11)
					Dec 14	The first East Asia Summit is held
					Dec 15	Iraq conducts an election of the National Assembly under the permanent constitution
					Dec 16	The UN General Assembly adopts a resolution denouncing the human rights suppression by North Korea

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2006	Jan 6	Disaster relief dispatch for snow damage from the "2006 Heavy Snowfall" (Relief units were dispatched to six prefectures for twenty days in total until January 28)	Jan 23	A house search is made against Yamaha Motor on charges that the company illegally exported unmanned helicopters that can be used for military purposes to China	Jan 1	Russia temporarily suspends the supply of natural gas to Ukraine
	Jan 10	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga visits United Kingdom, Russia and the United States (until January 19)	Feb 4	Japan-North Korea negotiations concerning abduction question, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile problems are held (until Feb 6)	Jan 9	China acquires a right to develop oilfield in Nigeria
	Jan 20	Order for the 9th SDF contingent for the Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities to take over from the 8th contingent	Mar 6	At the Japan-China intergovernmental conference, China makes a proposal of joint development of gas field in East China Sea (until Mar 7)	Jan 10	Iran begins an uranium enrichment experiment
	Jan 23	The "New Special Measures Agreement on Cost Sharing for the Stationing of USFJ" is signed (Effective on April 1, 2006)	Mar 11	Iwakuni City holds a local referendum concerning the relocation of U.S. carrier-based aircraft in connection with the force posture realignment of USFJ	Jan 17	North Korea's General Secretary Kim Jong Il visits China and has a meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao
	Jan 30	Senior officials of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency were arrested on charges of interruption of bidding procedures	Mar 31	The Cabinet approves the Prefectural Civil Protection Plans prepared by 24 prefectures. 47 prefectures establish their own Prefectural Civil Protection Plans.	Jan 20	The result of the election of the Iraqi National Assembly is announced. The Shiite ruling bloc becomes the leading party.
	Jan 31	A compulsory search is made against the Defense Facilities Administration Agency	Apr 7	The Mayor of Nago City agrees to the proposed relocation of US Marine Corps Futenma Air Station to the site off Henoko	Jan 25	In the election of the Palestine National Council, Hamas as the Islamic Resistance Movement obtains the majority of seats
	Feb 13	The 21st air transport unit dispatched to Golan Heights takes over from the 20th unit	May 11	The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture Inamine and Minister of State for Defense Nukaga sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ	Jan 26	The United States, Russia, the United Nations and EU urge Hamas to disarm
	Feb 28	MSDF and Japan Coast Guard conduct joint training in responding to a suspicious vessel (off Maizuru)			Feb 3	In almost all of Arab states, protest demonstrations against those caricatures making fun of Muhammad, the Islamic Prophet, that appeared in European newspapers take place
	Mar 8	Japan and the United States successfully conduct a joint performance test of the sea-based interceptor missile (SM3) off Hawaii			Feb 3	The United States issues the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)
					Feb 4	Iran refuses to cooperate with an inspection by IAEA. The emergency board of governors' meeting of IAEA adopts a resolution to report the Iran's nuclear program to the United Nations Security Council. A rally asking for the resignation of Thai Prime Minister Thaksin is held.
					Feb 13	Iran gives IAEA a notice of having resumed uranium enrichment experiment
					Feb 17	Large-scale landslide takes place in Leute island, Philippines

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2006	Mar 27	Partial amendment (measures for destructing ballistic missiles etc., establishment of Joint Staff Office, etc.) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law is enacted. With the creation of the Joint Staff Office, the SDF establishes a joint operations posture.	May 30	The Cabinet approves the “Government’s Actions to Be Taken in Connection with the Force Posture Realignment of USFJ, etc.”	Feb 19	Mr. Haniya is nominated as Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority
			Jun 20	The Government makes a decision to discontinue the activities of the GSDF contingent dispatched to Iraq. ASDF units continue to support the United Nations and the multinational forces.	Feb 22	A Shiite temple named “Golden Dome” located at Samara in Iraq is blasted
	Apr 1	Partial amendment (reform of pay structure) of the Law concerning Allowances, etc. of Defense Agency Personnel is enacted	Jun 29	Japan-U.S. summit meeting/a joint note titled the “Japan-US Alliance of the New Century” is publicized	Feb 24	Philippine President Arroyo declares a state of emergency to suppress antigovernment activities (The state of emergency is withdrawn on March 3)
	Apr 23	Japan-U.S. defense ministers meeting (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, in Washington)/Japan and the United States agree to the sharing of expenses of relocation of U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa to Guam as part of realignment of USFJ	Jul 5	Security Council meeting held to decide on the response to North Korea	Mar 1	President Bush visits Afghanistan and meets with President Karzai
	Apr 28	Order for the 10th SDF contingent for the Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities to take over from the 9th contingent	Jul 12	Japan-Israel summit talks	Mar 2	President Bush meets with Indian Prime Minister Singh (in New Delhi)
			Jul 13	Prime Minister Koizumi meets with Palestinian Authority President Abbas	Mar 4	President Bush meets with Pakistani President Musharraf (in Islamabad).
	May 1	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (“2+2”/Washington) announces the “Japan-U.S. Roadmap for Realignment Implementation”	Jul 15	Japan-Russia summit talks	Mar 16	The United States announces the National Security Strategy
			Jul 16	Japan-Germany summit talks	Mar 18	Demonstrations protesting the government’s employment promotion measures take place in France
	May 3	Japan-U.S. defense ministers meeting (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, in Washington)	Jul 19	Decision made to transfer weapons and their technologies to the U.S. to jointly develop a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system, and the memorandum concluded with the U.S.	Mar 21	China-Russia summit meeting (in Beijing)
	May 25	Japan-India defense ministers meeting (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and Minister for Defense Mukerjee, in Tokyo)/Two countries sign a joint statement	Aug 4	Cabinet decision made to change the Basic Plan regarding Response Measures based on the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq	Mar 29	The chairman of the UN Security Council announces a statement asking Iran to “suspend uranium enrichment experiment within thirty days”
			Aug 10	Japan-Mongolia summit talks	Mar 31	The new Hamas cabinet is formed in the Palestinian Authority
	May 29	A P-3C patrol aircraft makes a first flight to Australia	Aug 16	A Russian patrol boat fires on a Japanese fishing boat, killing one of its crew members. The Government files a strong protest to Russia	Apr 4	Thai Prime Minister Thaksin express his intention to resign
					Apr 11	Iran announces that it has succeeded in manufacturing low-enriched uranium (3.5%)
					Apr 20	U.S.-China summit meeting (in Washington)
					Apr 21	North Korea-South Korea ministerial-level meeting (in Pyongyang, until April 24)
					Apr 24	A series of bomb terrorist attacks occur in Dahab in the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt

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2006	Jun 1	Dispatch of SDF units to Indonesia to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the earthquake that occurred in central Java. (All units returned home by June 22)	Aug 29	U.S. Navy deploys Shiloh, an Aegis cruiser with SM-3 missiles, to the Yokosuka base The Council Meeting on Measures for Relocation of Futenma Air Station established, and its first meeting held	Apr 25	In succession to last year, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun announces a speech the relationship between Japan and South Korea
	Jun 2	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga attends the 5th Asia Security Conference (sponsored by IISS, in Singapore) (until June 4)	Sep 11	The third information-gathering satellite launched	Apr 28	The Director-General of IAEA reports Iran's response to the UN Security Council
	Jun 9	A "Bill to Amend Part of the Defense Agency Establishment Law" (raising the status of the Defense Agency to a ministry, change of international peace cooperation activities to a primary mission, etc.) is approved by the Cabinet, and submitted to the Diet	Sep 19	The Government decides to implement another financial sanction against North Korea	May 5	U.S. Department of State releases the 2005 Country Report on Terrorism In the Darfur conflict, the government and a faction of the antigovernment forces reach a peace agreement
	Jun 20	The 10th SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities is ordered to discontinue response measures	Sep 26	Abe Cabinet formed	May 9	The first ASEAN defense ministers meeting
	Jul 5	North Korea launches seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan	Oct 8	Japan-China summit talks	May 15	The United States removes Libya from the list of terrorist-supporting states
	Jul 14	The Committee to Study a New Defense Organization after Dissolution of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency publishes the outline of the reorganization plan	Oct 9	Japan-Republic of Korea summit talks	May 20	U.S. Department of Defense releases the 2006 Report to Congress on Chinese Military Power
	Jul 16	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga visits Kuwait and inspects the GSDF and ASDF units stationed in the country	Oct 13	Sanctions implemented against North Korea, which announced that it had conducted a nuclear weapon test	May 23	New Iraqi government is formed (in Washington)
	Jul 19	Disaster relief dispatch for the July 2006 heavy rain (until July 29)	Oct 31	Cabinet decision made to change the Basic Plan regarding Response Measures Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	May 27	U.S.-Israel summit meeting (in Washington) U.S. Department of Defense releases the 2006 Report to Congress on Chinese Military Power Large-scale earthquake takes place in the middle part of Java, Indonesia
	Jul 25	The 10th SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities returns to Japan	Nov 1	Partial amendment (extension of the term for one year) of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law enforced	May 31	India test-fires a Brahmos cruise missile
			Nov 18	Japan-U.S. summit talks	Jun 8	The Iraqi government announces that Zarqawi was killed
			Dec 8	Cabinet decision made to change the Basic Plan regarding Response Measures based on the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq	Jun 13	President Bush visits Iraq and meets with Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki (in Baghdad)
					Jun 15	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit meeting
					Jun 16	The Nepal government and Maoists sign peace accord
					Jun 19	Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki announces that the authority to maintain public order in the province of Muthanna is transferred from the multilateral forces to Iraq The first meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Council held
					Jun 23	The first meeting of the U.N. Peacebuilding Commission held
					Jun 27	The Israeli army attacks Gaza to recover its soldiers abducted by Palestinian armed groups (cease-fire takes effect on November 26)

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2006	Jul 31	A part of the partial amendment (strengthening of facilities administration function of the internal organizations, establishment of the Equipment headquarters, reorganization of the Prefecture Liaison Offices into the Provincial Cooperation Offices, and so on) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law enforced			Jun 28	Montenegro joins the United Nations
	Aug 8	Japan-Indonesia defense summit talks (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and Minister of Defense Juwono, in Jakarta)			Jul 5	North Korea launches seven ballistic missiles
	Aug 23	Disaster relief dispatch for water supply and other operations in Kure and Etajima cities, Hiroshima Prefecture (until September 11)			Jul 6	North Korea insists that the missile launches were a military exercise
	Sep 5	Japan-Mongolia defense summit talks (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and Minister of Defense Sonompil, in Ulan Bator)			Jul 9	India announces that it conducted its first test-launch of the Agni 3 long-range ballistic missile
	Sep 9	Land SDF Kuwait Evacuation Unit returns to Japan			Jul 10	Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) kills Basayev, the Chechen field commander
	Oct 9	North Korea announces that it conducted an underground nuclear weapon test			Jul 11	The 19th North Korea-South Korea ministerial-level meetings (broken off on July 13)
		Minister of State for Defense issues urgent instructions on the response to North Korea's nuclear weapon test				Train bombing terrorist attacks occur in Mumbai in western India
	Oct 23	Japan-New Zealand defense summit talks (Minister of State for Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Goff, in Tokyo)			Jul 12	The Israeli army attacks southern Lebanon to recover its soldiers abducted by Hezbollah (cease-fire takes effect on August 14)
		The 11th Tokyo Defense Forum (until October 26)			Jul 13	The authority to maintain public order in the province of Muthannna is transferred from the multilateral forces to Iraq
	Nov 7	Disaster relief dispatch for the tornado disaster in Saroma Town, Hokkaido (until November 11)			Jul 14	U.S. and Kyrgyz sign a protocol regarding the use of Manas U.S. air base in Kyrgyz
	Nov 29	Japan-China consultation between high-level defense officials (Defense Agency Vice Minister Moriya and then Assistant Chief of General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army Zhang Qinsheng)			Jul 15	U.N. Security Council unanimously passes the Resolution 1695 to condemn North Korea
					Jul 17	G8 Saint-Petersburg (until July 17)
					Jul 25	Russia, India and China summit talks
					Jul 31	ASEAN foreign ministers meeting (Kuala Lumpur)
				Jul 31	U.N. Security Council passes the Resolution 1696 to call on Iran to suspend its uranium-enrichment activities	
				Aug 10	U.K. authorities unearth a large-scale aircraft terrorist plot	
				Aug 11	U.N. Security Council passes the Resolution 1701 to call on Israel and Lebanon to cease fire and reinforce the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)	
				Aug 16	The Russian Coast Guard fires on and seizes a Japanese fishing boat in the Northern Territories waters	

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2006	Dec 15	Partial amendment (transition of the Defense Agency to the Ministry of Defense, upgrading of international peace cooperation activities to a primary mission, and so on) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law passed at the plenary session of the House of Councilors with support from the ruling parties, the Democratic Party of Japan, the People's New Party and others (enforced on January 9, 2007)			Aug 21	U.S.-Republic of Korea "Ulchi Focus Lens" joint military exercise (until September 1)
					Aug 23	Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) conducts the Rubezh-2006 joint exercise in western Kazakhstan (until August 26)
					Aug 24	China and Kazakhstan conduct the Tianshan-1 (2006) joint anti-terrorism drill (until August 26)
					Aug 28	The Ugandan government and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), the anti-government force, sign a cease-fire agreement
					Aug 29	Taiwanese Ministry of Defense publishes the 2006 National Defense Report
					Sep 4	The Five Defense Power Agreement (Malaysia, Singapore, U.K., Australia, New Zealand) conducts the Bersama Padu 2006 joint military exercise
						The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) takes effect
					Sep 8	The Treaty on establishing a Nuclear-Weapon-free Zone in Central Asia signed
					Sep 14	U.S.-Republic of Korea summit talks (Washington)
					Sep 16	India and Pakistan agree to resume peace talks
					Sep 19	A military coup takes place in Thailand
					Sep 20	The Chinese Navy and the U.S. Navy conduct a joint search-and-rescue exercise (off San Diego)
					Sep 25	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution to establish the U.N. Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)
					Sep 26	The European Commission decides on the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union (EU) in January 2007

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2006			<p>Oct 3 North Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs announces that the country will “in the future conduct a nuclear test under the condition where safety is firmly guaranteed”</p> <p>Oct 4 The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (until October 5)</p> <p>Oct 5 The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) assumes security responsibility for all of Afghanistan</p> <p>Oct 8 The 6th plenary session of the 16th Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party (until October 11)</p> <p>Oct 9 North Korea announces that it “successfully conducted an underground nuclear test under secure conditions” The temporary cabinet formed by Prime Minister Surayud (former army commander) in Thailand</p> <p>Oct 13 U.N. General Assembly appoints Ban Ki-moon, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea, as the 8th Secretary-General</p> <p>Oct 14 U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts the Resolution 1718 to impose sanctions on North Korea</p> <p>Oct 15 U.N. Security Council decides to put the situation in Myanmar on its agenda</p> <p>Oct 16 Terrorist bombing occurs on buses near Habarana in central Sri Lanka</p> <p>Oct 19 North Korea’s General Secretary Kim Jong-Il meets with Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan in Pyongyang</p> <p>Oct 24 The Republic of Korea army conducts its first-ever division-level landing exercise</p> <p>Oct 25 Russia fails in the test-launch of the new Bulava submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), a second failure following the previous test on September 7</p> <p>Oct 29 Incumbent President Kabila wins the presidential election in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</p>

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2006			<p>Oct 30 China and ASEAN summit talks (Nanning)</p> <p>Nov 7 The Democratic Party wins a majority in both the Senate and the House of Representatives at the U.S. midterm election Tajikistan's incumbent President Rakhmonov wins the presidential election for the third time running</p> <p>Nov 16 Pakistan announces that it conducted an exercise for launching the Hatf-5 (Ghauri) medium-range ballistic missile</p> <p>Nov 18 APEC Summit Meeting (Hanoi, until November 19)</p> <p>Nov 19 The Chinese Navy and the U.S. Navy conduct a joint search-and-rescue exercise (off Hainan Dao) India conducts a test-launch of the Prithvi-2 short-range ballistic missile (conducts again on November 27)</p> <p>Nov 21 The Nepal government and Maoists sign the Comprehensive Peace Accord</p> <p>Nov 22 Iraq and Syria restore diplomatic relations after a quarter-century rupture</p> <p>Nov 28 U.S.-China-North Korea meeting (until November 29)</p> <p>Nov 29 Pakistan announces that it conducted an exercise for launching the Hatf-4 (Shaheen-1) medium-range ballistic missile</p> <p>Nov 30 U.S. President Bush meets with Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki (Amman)</p> <p>Dec 4 The U.K. government publishes "The Future of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrent" white paper</p> <p>Dec 6 U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution to authorize the peacekeeping mission of the Inter-governmental Authority on Development in Somalia (IGASOM)</p> <p>Dec 9 Pakistan announces that it conducted an exercise for launching the Hatf-3 (Ghaznavi) short-range ballistic missile</p>

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2006					Dec 11	A governor election held in the Indonesian province of Aceh in accordance with the peace agreement signed in August 2005
					Dec 18	U.S.-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act enacted The second phase of Fifth Six-Party Talks held (until November 22) Mr. Gates appointed as U.S. Secretary of Defense
					Dec 19	The U.N. General Assembly adopts a resolution condemning the abduction of foreign citizens by North Korea
					Dec 21	Turkmenistan President Niyazov deceases
					Dec 23	U.N. Security Council adopts the Resolution 1737 to impose economic sanctions on Iran
					Dec 30	Former Iraqi President Hussein executed
2007	Jan 4	Japan-Thailand defense summit talks (Minister of State for Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Boonrawd, in Bangkok)	Jan 9	Prime Minister Abe visits four European countries (U.K., Germany, Belgium, France) (until January 13)	Jan 10	U.S. President Bush announces the new Iraq policy
	Jan 9	The transition of the Defense Agency to the Ministry of Defense	Jan 12	Prime Minister Abe makes a speech at the NATO North Atlantic Council	Jan 12	China conducts an anti-satellite test
	Feb 18	The ceremony held with Prime Minister Abe	Feb 17	F22, the latest U.S. fighter, temporarily deployed at the Kadena Air Base (returned on May 10)	Jan 14	ASEAN Summit begins
	Feb 18	The 23rd air transport unit dispatched to Golan Heights takes over from the 22nd unit	Feb 24	The fourth information-gathering satellite launched	Jan 17	Communist Party of Nepal-Maoists start disarmament under the supervision of the United Nations
	Feb 25	Japan-Republic of Korea defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and Minister of National Defense Kim, in Tokyo)	Feb 26	Japan-Mongolia summit talks	Jan 23	U.N. Security Council decides to set up the U.N. political mission in Nepal (UNMIN) to oversee disarmament in Nepal
	Mar 6	Japan-Malaysia defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Najib, in Tokyo)	Feb 27	The Council on the Strengthening of the Function of the Prime Minister's Office Regarding National Security submits a report	Feb 6	Taiwanese Ministry of Defense announces that China deployed 60 new J-10 fighters
	Mar 13	Minister of Defense Kyuma pays a courtesy visit to and meets with Australian Prime Minister	Mar 5	An aircraft training relocated from Okinawa to Tsuiki for the first time as part of the U.S. Forces realignment (until March 8)	Feb 8	U.S. announces that it will establish the Africa Command
	Mar 15	Japan-France defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Alliot-Marie, in Tokyo)	Mar 13	Australian Prime Minister Howard visits Japan, and the Japan-Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed	Feb 9	The third phase of Fifth Six-Party Talks held (until February 13)
					Feb 13	Mecca Agreement ( Hamas and Fatah agree to establish the Palestine unity government)
					Feb 13	North Korea agrees to disable all its nuclear facilities during the Six-Party Talks
					Feb 14	Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki announces that the government started new security measures in Baghdad
					Feb 27	The 20th North Korea-South Korea ministerial-level meetings

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2007	Mar 23	Emergency response procedures to destroy ballistic missiles prepared	Apr 6	Cabinet decision made on a bill to partially amend the Security Council Establishment Law, and the bill submitted to the Diet	Mar 4	The Chinese government announces its 2007 defense budget
	Mar 25	Disaster relief dispatch for the Noto Peninsula Earthquake (until April 8)	Apr 9	Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki visits Japan and meets with Prime Minister Abe	Mar 17	The Palestine unity government established
	Mar 28	A part of the partial amendment (establishment of the Central Readiness Force, and so on) of the Defense Agency	Apr 11	Wen Jiabao, premier of the Chinese State Council, visits Japan and meets with Prime Minister Abe	Mar 19	The first phase of sixth Six-Party Talks held (until March 22)
	Mar 30	Establishment Law enforced	Apr 24	Cabinet decision made to change the Basic Plan regarding Response Measures Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Mar 23	Iran seizes 15 British sailors and marines in the Persian Gulf (released 13 days later)
		A Patriot PAC-3 system deployed at the ASDF Iruma Base	Apr 25	Chief Cabinet Secretary announces that the Council on Reconstruction of a Legal Basis for Security was formed under Prime Minister (the first meeting held on May 18)	Mar 24	U.N. Security Council decides to impose additional sanctions on Iran
	Apr 1	SDF personnel dispatched for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) as military observers	Apr 27	Prime Minister Abe visits the U.S. and meets with President Bush	Apr 9	Presidential election in Timor-Leste
		A GSDF CH-47JA helicopter crashes while transporting emergency patients during a disaster relief operation (Tokunoshima Town, Kagoshima Prefecture)	Apr 30	Prime Minister Abe visits five Middle Eastern countries (until May 2)	Apr 10	Iran announces that it began to produce nuclear fuel on an industrial scale
	Apr 11	Partial amendment (wide-area transfer allowance and so on) of the Law concerning Allowances, etc. of Defense Agency Personnel enforced	May 23	The Special Measures Law concerning Smooth Implementation of the Realignment of US Forces in Japan passed at the plenary session of the House of Councilors, and enacted	Apr 15	The U.S. Department of Finance announces that it agrees to unfreeze North Korean accounts in a Macau bank
	Apr 16	Japan-India vice-ministerial-level talks on defense policy			Apr 15	Russia launches its new nuclear submarine Yuri Dolgoruky
	Apr 19	Japan-U.S.-India naval drill conducted for the first time			May 3	Iraq Compact, an agreement between Iraq and the international community, adopted
	Apr 19	Japan-Germany defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Jung, in Tokyo)			May 16	Mr. Sarkozy inaugurated as French President
	Apr 29	Prime Minister Abe inspects the MSDF units operating on the Indian Ocean under the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law			May 17	A test run of the railway connecting South and North Korea conducted
	Apr 30	Japan-U.S. defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and U.S. Secretary of Defense Gates, in Washington)			May 20	Mr. Horta inaugurated as Timor-Leste President
					May 28	The Lebanese government force and Fatah Islam, a Sunni Islamist group, clash
					May 29	U.S and Iran begin official talks for the first time in 27 years (ambassador-level)
					Jun 6	Russia announces that it succeeded in launching a new intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) G8 Heiligendamm (until June 8)

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2007	May 1	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (“2+2”/Washington) announces the joint statement “Alliance Transformation: Advancing United States-Japan Security and Defense Cooperation” Prime Minister Abe inspects the ASDF units based in Kuwait		
	May 3	Japan-Italy defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Parisi, in Rome)		
	May 4	Japan-Belgium defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Flahaut, in Brussels) Minister of Defense Kyuma meets with NATO Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer		
	May 18	ASDF controllers positioned at the Yokota RAPCON facility		
	Jun 1	Partial amendment (abolition of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency and its consolidation into the Ministry of Defense, establishment of the Inspector General’s Office of legal compliance and the Local Defense Bureaus, joint units of GSDF, MSDF and ASDF, and so on) of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law and the Self-Defense Forces Law enacted		
	Jun 2	Minister of Defense Kyuma attends the 6th Asia Security Conference (organized by IISS, in Singapore) Japan-U.S.-Australia defense ministers meeting held for the first time (Minister of Defense Kyuma, U.S. Secretary of Defense Gates, and Minister of Defense Nelson, in Singapore)		
	Jun 5	Japan-Australia defense ministers meeting (Minister of Defense Kyuma and Minister of Defense Nelson, in Tokyo)		

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2007	Jun 6	Japan-Australia Joint Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations held for the first time ("2+2"/Tokyo)				

\* Listed in detail for two most recent years (2006–2007) as targeted in this White Paper.