

Defense Chronology

Year	Date	Major Events	Year	Date	Major Events	Year	Date	Major Events		
1945	Aug.15	World War II ends	1952	Feb.28	Japan-U.S. Administrative Agreement signed	1957	Aug.27	Trial startup of reactor at Tokaimura		
	Aug.17	Higashikuni-Nonaka Cabinet established		Apr.26	Maritime Guard established within the Japan Coast Guard		Sep.10	National Defense Council decision to produce P2V-742 aircraft domestically, Cabinet report on September 17		
	Aug.17	Republic of Indonesia declares independence		Apr.28	Japan-Taiwan Peace Treaty concluded		Oct.04	USSR launches the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1		
	Aug.28	Provisional government of People's Republic of Vietnam established		Apr.28	Japan-U.S. Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty enter into force		Nov.23	World Congress of Communist Parties issues the Moscow Declaration		
	Sep.02	GHQ established		Apr.28	Far East Commission, Allied Council, and GHQ Abolished		1958	Jan.01	Japan becomes non-permanent member of the U.N. Security Council	
	Oct.09	Shidehara Cabinet established		May 01	May Day riot at Imperial Palace Plaza			Jan.01	European Economic Community (EEC) starts	
	Oct.15	General Staff Office and Military Command abolished		May 26	U.S., U.K., and France sign peace agreement with Germany			Jan.14	First ocean training exercises (Hawaii, through February 28)	
	Oct.24	United Nations established		May 27	European Defense Community (EDC) Treaty signed			Jan.31	U.S. successfully launches an artificial satellite	
	Nov.30	Army and Navy Ministries abolished		Jul.21	Subversive Activities Prevention Law promulgated and enters into force			Feb.17	ASDF begins airspace anti-intrusion measures	
	1946	Jan.04		GHQ orders purge from public office	Jul.26			Japan-U.S. Facilities and Areas Agreement signed	Apr.18	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs
		Jan.10		First session of U.N. General Assembly (London, through February 14)	Jul.31			National Safety Agency Law promulgated	Jun.12	Inauguration of second Kishi Cabinet; Sato becomes Minister of State for Defense
		Jan.27		GHQ orders the suspension of Japanese administrative right over Ryukyu and Ogasawara Islands	Aug.01			National Safety Agency established; Prime Minister Yoshida concurrently becomes Director-General of the National Safety Agency; Coastal Safety Force inaugurated	Aug.23	Chinese People's Liberation Army attack on Quemoy intensifies
Feb.26		Far East Commission formed	Oct.15	National Safety Force inaugurated	Sep.11	Fujijima-Dulles talks (Washington, D.C.); agreement on revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty				
Mar.05		Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech	Oct.30	Inauguration of fourth Yoshida Cabinet; Kimura becomes Director-General of the National Safety Agency	Oct.04	Commencement of Japan-U.S. talks on the revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty				
Apr.05		First meeting of Allied Council on Japan	Oct.31	U.K. carries out its first atomic bomb test	Oct.23	Dulles talks with Chiang Kaishek; joint statement issued denying counteroffensive against mainland China				
Apr.24		Civil administration of Okinawa established	Nov.01	U.S. carries out its first hydrogen bomb test	Dec.17	U.S. test-launches Atlas ICBM				
May.03		International Military Tribunal for the Far East opened	Nov.12	Japan-U.S. Ship Leasing Agreement signed	1959	Jan.12	Ino becomes Minister of State for Defense			
May.22		Yoshida Cabinet established	Jan.20	Security Advisory Group in Japan inaugurated		Mar.30	Tokyo District Court rules the stationing of U.S. Forces to be unconstitutional in the Sunagawa case			
Oct.01		International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg renders judgment	Jan.20	Eisenhower becomes U.S. President		Mar.31	14th Dalai Lama is exiled to India			
Nov.03		The Constitution of Japan promulgated	Mar.05	USSR General Secretary Stalin dies (Malenkov takes over March 6)		Jun.18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Akagi becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Dec.19		First Indochina War starts (through 1954)	Apr.01	National Safety Academy (predecessor of National Defense Academy) established		Aug.25	China-India border dispute			
1947	Mar.12	Truman Doctrine announced	May 21	Inauguration of fifth Yoshida Cabinet		Sep.18	USSR General Secretary Khrushchev proposes complete military reductions at U.N.			
	May.03	The Constitution of Japan takes effect	Jul.27	Korean War Armistice Agreement signed		Sep.26	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon Vera			
	Jun.01	Katayama Cabinet established	Aug.12	USSR carries out its first hydrogen bomb test		Sep.27	U.S.-Soviet summit; joint statement issued at Camp David			
	Jun.05	Marshall Plan announced	Sep.27	Yoshida and Shigemitsu talk		Nov.06	National Defense Council decision to produce 200 F-104 aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet on November 10			
	Aug.15	India and Pakistan gain independence	Oct.01	U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty signed		Dec.01	Antarctica Treaty signed			
	Aug.15	First India-Pakistan conflict (through 1965)	Oct.30	Ikeda-Robertson talks; joint statement issued on gradual increase in self-defense strength		Dec.16	Supreme Court reverses original ruling in the Sunagawa case			
	Oct.05	Cominform established	Dec.25	Japanese administrative rule over Amami Islands restored		1960	Jan.11	Defense Agency moves to Hinoki-cho		
	Dec.17	Police Law promulgated (National Rural Police and municipal police forces established)	Jan.21	U.S. launches world's first nuclear submarine (USS Nautilus)	Jan.19		New Japan-U.S. Security Treaty is signed (enters into force June 23)			
	1948	Mar.10	Ashida Cabinet established	Mar.01	U.S. carries out hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll		Feb.13	France conducts its first nuclear test in the Sahara		
		Apr.01	USSR imposes Berlin blockade (through May 12, 1949)	Mar.01	Daigo Fukuryu maru (Lucky Dragon V) incident		Apr.27	Rhee resigns as President of ROK		
		Apr.27	Japan Coast Guard Law promulgated	Mar.08	Mutual Defense Assistance (MDA) agreement signed		May.01	U-2 reconnaissance plane belonging to U.S. shot down in Soviet airspace		
		May.14	Israel gains independence; First Middle East War starts (through February 24, 1949)	Mar.14	Khrushchev becomes Soviet Union Communist Party General Secretary		May.24	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the earthquake and tsunami in Chile		
Jun.11		U.S. Senate Vandenberg resolution	May.14	Japan and U.S. sign Land Lease Agreement on naval vessels	Jul.19		Ikeda Cabinet established; Esaki becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Jun.26		Berlin airlift starts	Jun.02	House of Councilors passes resolution prohibiting dispatch of troops overseas	Jul.20		U.S. conducts successful underwater launch of Polaris SLBM			
Aug.15		Republic of Korea (ROK) declares independence	Jun.09	Promulgation of Defense Agency Establishment Law, Self-Defense Forces Law and Protection of National Security Law pertaining to the MDA	Dec.08		Inauguration of second Ikeda Cabinet; Nishimura becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Sep.09		North Korea established	Jul.01	Defense Agency established; Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces inaugurated	Dec.20		Formation of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front			
Oct.19		Second Yoshida Cabinet established	Jul.21	Geneva Agreement on armistice in Indochina signed	1961		Jan.13	National Defense Council decides to reorganize GDSF units (into 13 divisions); presented to Cabinet January 20		
Nov.12		International Military Tribunal for the Far East renders judgment	Sep.03	Chinese People's Liberation Army shells Quemoy and Matsu for the first time			Jan.20	Kennedy becomes U.S. President		
1949		Jan.25	Council for Mutual Economic Cooperation (COMECON) established	Sep.08		South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed by signing of collective defense pact	Apr.12	USSR successfully launches manned spacecraft		
		Feb.16	Inauguration of third Yoshida Cabinet	Dec.02		U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty signed	May.16	Military junta seizes power in a coup in ROK		
	Apr.04	North Atlantic Treaty signed by 12 nations (becomes effective August 24) (NATO established)	Dec.10	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Omura becomes Minister of State for Defense		Jul.06	Soviet-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed			
	Apr.21	Nationalist-Communist talks break up; Chinese Communist Army launches general offensive	1955	Mar.19		Inauguration of second Hatoyama Cabinet; Sugihara becomes Minister of State for Defense	Jul.11	Sino-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed		
	May.06	Federal Republic of Germany established (West Germany)		Apr.18		Africa-Asia conference held at Bandung	Jul.18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet; Fujieda becomes Minister of State for Defense		
	Jul.05	Shimoyama incident		May.05		West Germany formally admitted to NATO	Jul.18	Second Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet		
	Jul.15	Mitaka incident		May.06		Live shell fire by U.S. forces at Kita Fuji Maneuver Area; opposition to firing intensifies	Aug.13	Construction of Berlin Wall		
	Aug.17	Matsukawa incident		May.08		Protests begin at Sunagawa Base	1962	Jul.18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet (second term); Shiga becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Sep.24	USSR declares possession of atomic bomb		May.14		Signing of Warsaw Pact (WPO starts)		Jul.23	International Agreement on the Neutrality of Laos signed in Geneva International Conference	
	Oct.01	People's Republic of China established		Jul.31		Sunada becomes Minister of State for Defense		Aug.15	GDSF completes 13 division organization	
	Oct.07	German Democratic Republic established (East Germany)		Aug.06	First World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held in Hiroshima	Oct.15		Type 61 tank first introduced		
	Dec.07	Chinese Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan		Aug.31	Shigemitsu-Dulles meeting; joint statement issued on revision of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Oct.20		China-India border dispute (through November 22)		
1950	Jan.27	U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries		Nov.14	Japan-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement signed	Oct.24		U.S. Navy imposes sea blockade of Cuba (through November 20)		
	Feb.14	Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance signed		Nov.22	Inauguration of third Hatoyama Cabinet; Funada becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct.28		Premier of the Soviet Union Khrushchev declares dismantling of missile bases in Cuba		
	Jun.21	John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of State, visits Japan		Dec.19	Atomic Energy Basic Law promulgated	Nov.01		Defense Facilities Administration Agency established		
	Jun.25	Korean War (ends July 27, 1953)	Feb.09	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bomb tests (House of Councilors, February 10)	Nov.09	Shiga visits U.S. for first time as Minister of State for Defense (through November 26)				
	Jun.28	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet	Feb.14	Stalin criticized at the 20th Congress of Soviet Communist Party in Moscow; Khrushchev proclaims policy of peaceful co-existence with the West	1963	Jun.20		Agreement signed for U.S.-Soviet hotline		
	Jul.07	United Nations Force formed for dispatch to Korea	Mar.23	Defense Agency moved to Kasumigaseki		Jul.18		Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet (third term); Fukuda becomes Minister of State for Defense		
	Jul.08	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	Apr.17	USSR announces dissolution of Cominform		Aug.08		Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed by U.S.-USSR-U.K. (enters into force on October 10)		
	Aug.10	National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect	Apr.26	First Japan-made destroyer Harukaze completed		Aug.14	Japan joins Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty			
	Aug.13	Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police Reserve begins	Jul.02	National Defense Council Composition Law promulgated		Sep.16	Malaysian Federation established			
	Aug.14	Masuhara appointed first Director-General of the National Police Reserve	Jul.26	Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal		Nov.22	U.S. President Kennedy assassinated; Johnson becomes U.S. President			
	Sep.07	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima	Sep.20	First domestically-produced F-86F fighter delivered		Dec.09	Inauguration of third Ikeda Cabinet			
	Sep.15	U.N. troops land at Inchon	Oct.19	Joint declaration on restoration of Japanese-Soviet relations		Dec.17	ROK transits to civilian government, Park Chung-hee becomes President			
Oct.25	Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War	Oct.23	Hungarian Revolution	1964		Jun.15	Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty enters into force for Japan			
Nov.24	U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan	Oct.29	Second Middle East War (Suez War; through November 6)			Jul.18	Inauguration of third reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet; Koizumi becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Dec.18	NATO Defense Commission agrees to establishment of NATO Forces	Dec.18	Japan joins the U.N.			Aug.02	Gulf of Tonkin incident			
1951	Jan.23	Minister of State Ohashi takes charge of the National Police Reserve	Dec.23			Ishibashi Cabinet established; Prime Minister concurrently becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct.16	China successfully carries out its first nuclear test		
	Jan.29	First Yoshida-Dulles talks (peace treaty negotiations)	1956		Jan.31	Acting Prime Minister Kishi concurrently becomes, ad interim, Minister of State for Defense	Oct.16	Brezhnev becomes USSR General Secretary		
	Mar.01	Special recruitment of Military and Naval Academy graduates to serve as police officers 1st and 2nd class begins			Feb.02	Kotaki becomes Minister of State for Defense	Nov.09	Sato Cabinet established		
	Apr.11	MacArthur was dismissed as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers			Feb.25	Kishi Cabinet established	Nov.12	U.S. nuclear submarine (Sea Dragon) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time		
	Jul.04	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet (second term)			Mar.15	House of Councilors passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs	1965	Feb.07	U.S. starts bombing of North Vietnam	
	Aug.30	Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers dismissed			May.15	U.K. conducts its first hydrogen bomb test		Feb.10	Diet debate on Mitsuya study	
	Sep.01	U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty signed			May.20	Basic Guidelines for National Defense adopted by the National Defense Council and the Cabinet		Jun.03	Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Matsuno becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Sep.08	49 countries sign Peace Treaty with Japan; Japan-U.S. Security Treaty concluded			Jun.14	First Defense Build-up Plan adopted by the National Defense Council and approved by the Cabinet		Jun.22	Japan-ROK Basic Treaty signed	
	Oct.20	Ozaki unit dispatched for the first time on a rescue relief operation to Kita Kawachi Village, Yamaguchi Prefecture, in the wake of Typhoon Ruth			Jun.21	Kishi-Eisenhower talks; joint statement on the early withdrawal of the USFJ issued				
	Oct.26	House of Representatives approves Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty (House of Councilors approval given November 18)		Jul.10	Inauguration of reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Tsushima becomes Minister of State for Defense					
	Dec.26	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet (third term)		Aug.06	Japan-U.S. Security Council inaugurated					
	1952	Jan.19		ROK proclaims sovereignty over neighboring ocean areas (Rhee Line)	Aug.26	USSR announces successful ICBM test				

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1965	Sep.01 Nov.10	Second India-Pakistan conflict (to September 22) Icebreaker Fuji leaves on first mission to assist Antarctic observation (through April 8, 1966)	1972	Oct.09	Situation Judgment and Defense Concepts in the Fourth Defense Build-up Plan, National Defense Council determines key matters for inclusion in Fourth Defense Build-up Plan and measures to enhance civilian control, adopted by Cabinet	1979	Jan.01	U.S. and China normalize diplomatic relations, U.S. notifies termination of the U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty after one year
1966	May.16 Jul.01 Aug.01 Oct.27 Nov.29 Dec.03	Cultural Revolution starts in China France withdraws from the NATO command (rejoined April 4, 2009) Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet (second term); Kambayashiyama becomes Minister of State for Defense China successfully carries out its first nuclear missile test Outline of Third Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Masuda becomes Minister of State for Defense	1973	Dec.21 Dec.22 Jan.23 Jan.27 Feb.01 Feb.21 Mar.29 May.29 Jun.22 Jul.01 Sep.07	East-West Germany Basic Treaty signed Second Tanaka Cabinet established 14th Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting agrees on consolidation of U.S. bases in Japan (Kanto Program) Vietnam peace agreement signed (ceasefire takes effect on January 28) Defense Agency publishes Peacetime Defense Strength Laos Peace Treaty signed U.S. forces complete their withdrawal from Vietnam Yamanaka becomes Minister of State for Defense General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union visits U.S.; convention on the prevention of nuclear war signed Commencement of SDF air defense mission on Okinawa Sapporo District Court rules SDF unconstitutional (Naganuma Judgment)	1979	Jan.11 Feb.11 Feb.17 Mar.26 Jun.18 Jul.17 Jul.25 Oct.26 Nov.09 Dec.27	Introduction of E-2C approved by National Defense Council and Cabinet Islamic Revolution takes place in Iran Sino-Vietnamese War (through March 5) Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed SALT II signed Announcement of Mid-Term Defense Estimate (FY1980-FY1984) Minister of State for Defense Yamashita makes first visit to ROK as an incumbent Minister (through July 26) Assassination of ROK President Park Chung Hee Inauguration of second Ohira Cabinet; Kubota becomes Minister of State for Defense Soviet Union invades Afghanistan
1967	Jan.27 Feb.17 Mar.14 Mar.29 Jun.05 Jun.17 Jul.01 Aug.08 Nov.25	Outer Space Treaty signed Inauguration of second Sato Cabinet Key matters for inclusion in Third Defense Build-up Plan agreed by National Defense Council; adopted by Cabinet on March 14 Sapporo District Court renders judgment on Eniwa Case Third Middle East War (through June 9) China successfully carries out its first hydrogen bomb test Formation of European Community (EC) Formation of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Inauguration of second reshuffled Sato Cabinet	1974	Sep.07 Sep.21 Oct.06 Oct.08 Oct.17 Nov.07 Nov.25 Jan.05 Jan.18 Apr.20 Apr.25 May.18 Jul.03 Aug.09 Oct.08 Nov.11 Nov.15 Nov.23 Dec.09	Japan-North Vietnam establish diplomatic relations Fourth Middle East War (ends October 25) Japan-Soviet summit (Moscow) Ten OPEC countries decide to reduce crude oil supplies Pakistan formally withdraws from SEATO Inauguration of second reshuffled Tanaka Cabinet Japan-China Trade Agreement signed Israel and Egypt sign Egyptian-Israeli Disengagement Treaties Japan-China Aviation Agreement signed National Defense Medical College opens India carries out its first underground nuclear test U.S. President Nixon visits USSR, Treaty on the Limitation of Underground Nuclear Weapon Tests (Threshold Test Ban Treaty) signed Ford becomes U.S. President Eisaku Sato, former Prime Minister, receives Nobel Prize Inauguration of second reshuffled second Tanaka Cabinet (second term); Uno becomes Minister of State for Defense Japan-China Marine Transport Agreement signed U.N. forces in Korea discovers a North Korean infiltration tunnel U.S. President Ford visits USSR, makes joint statement on SALT II Miki Cabinet established; Sakata becomes Minister of State for Defense	1980	Feb.04 Feb.26 Apr.11 May.18 Jul.17 Jul.17 Aug.18 Aug.19 Aug.21 Sep.03 Sep.22 Jan.06 Apr.22 Jul.07 Jul.13 Oct.01 Nov.30 Dec.13	Hosoda becomes Minister of State for Defense Maritime Self-Defense Force takes part in RIMPAC for the first time (through March 18) Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance lapses China tests an ICBM in the direction of the South Pacific Ocean for the first time House of Councilors establishes special committee for Security Treaty, Okinawa, and Northern Territories issues Suzuki Cabinet established; Omura becomes Minister of State for Defense Interceptors begin to be armed with missiles Arming escorts with live torpedoes announced Soviet nuclear submarine has an accident off the main island of Okinawa First meeting of the Japan-U.S. Systems and Technology Forum (Washington, D.C., through September 4) Iran and Iraq enter into full-fledged war
1968	Jan.16 Jan.19 Jan.23 Feb.26 May.13 Jun.26 Jul.01 Aug.20 Aug.24 Nov.30	Prime Minister Wilson announces withdrawal of U.K. troops east of Suez U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (Enterprise) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time Seizure of U.S. Navy intelligence vessel Pueblo by North Korea New Japan-U.S. nuclear agreement signed First formal Vietnamese peace talks held in Paris Ogasawara Islands revert to Japan Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signed Soviet and Eastern European troops invade Czechoslovakia France carries out its first hydrogen bomb test in the South Pacific Inauguration of second reshuffled Sato Cabinet (second term); Arita becomes Minister of State for Defense	1975	Apr.01 Apr.23 Apr.30 Aug.01 Nov.17	Director General instructs to create draft plan for defense forces after FY1977 (second instruction October 29) U.S. President Ford declares end of Vietnam War 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), held annually since	1981	Jan.06 Apr.22 Jul.07 Jul.13 Oct.01 Nov.30 Dec.13	February 7 declared as Northern Territories Day (Cabinet understanding) Defense Agency announces classification of the laws and regulations subject to the Studies on Emergency Legislation Tokyo High Court renders judgment in Hyakuri Base suit Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgment in 1st and 2nd Yokota Air Base noise suits (GSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises (in communications) staged at Higashi Fuji Maneuver Area (through October 3) Inauguration of reshuffled Suzuki Cabinet; Ito becomes Minister of State for Defense Poland declares martial law and establishes the Military Council of National Salvation
1969	Jan.10 Jan.20 Mar.02 Apr.04 Apr.15 Jun.10 Jul.25 Nov.21	National Defense Council decision to produce 104 F-4E aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet Nixon becomes U.S. President Armed clashes between Chinese and Soviet forces on Chenpao Island (Damansky Island) Japan-U.S. memorandum signed for Japanese production of F-4EJ North Korea shoots down U.S. EC-121 reconnaissance plane South Vietnam announces establishment of Provisional Revolutionary Government U.S. President Nixon announce Guam Doctrine (later the Nixon Doctrine) Sato-Nixon joint statement (extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, return of Okinawa to Japan by 1972)	1976	Apr.05 Jun.04 Jun.08 Jul.02 Jul.08 Aug.05 Aug.18 Sep.06 Sep.09 Sep.15 Oct.06 Oct.29 Nov.05	Demonstrators and police clash in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China (1st Tiananmen Incident) Publication of second white paper on defense, "The Defense of Japan" (henceforth published annually) Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force for Japan Socialist Republic of Vietnam (unified Vietnam) proclaimed Sub-Committee for Defense Cooperation (SDC) established Sapporo High Court renders judgment in Naganuma Nike suit U.S. military officers slain at Panmunjom by North Korea MiG-25 forced to land at Hakodate Airport Death of Chairman of Chinese Communist Party Mao Zedong Inauguration of reshuffled Miki Cabinet Group of Four arrested (Cultural Revolution ends) National Defense Council, Cabinet decision on Defense Plan for Defense Build-up beyond FY1977 National Defense Council and Cabinet adopt Immediate-term Defense Build-up, National Defense Council, Cabinet decision on handling major items in preparations for defense forces	1982	Feb.15 Apr.02 Apr.25 May.15 Jun.06 Jun.08 Jun.09 Jun.29 Jul.23 Aug.17 Sep.09 Oct.12 Oct.20 Nov.12 Nov.27	(GSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (staged at Takigahara, through February 19) Falklands dispute (ends June 14) Israel returns all of Sinai Peninsula Use of some sections of land within facilities and areas located in Okinawa starts under the Special Land Lease Law Israeli forces invade Lebanon BWC enters into force in Japan Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW), Protocols I, II and III concluded Commencement of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START-I) U.S.-Soviet Union (Geneva) 1981 Mid-Term Defense Estimate presented to and approved by National Defense Council U.S.-China Joint Statement about U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan Supreme Court renders judgment on Naganuma Nike Missile Base Case China successfully tests SLBM water launch Yokohama District Court renders judgment in 1st Atsugi Air Facility noise suit Andropov becomes Soviet General Secretary Nakasone Cabinet established; Tanigawa becomes Minister of State for Defense
1970	Jan.14 Jan.24 Feb.03 Feb.11 Mar.05 Mar.31 Apr.16 Apr.24 Jun.23 Aug.12 Oct.20 Nov.25	Inauguration of third Sato Cabinet; Nakasone becomes Minister of State for Defense Formation of integrated WPO (Warsaw Pact) forces (involving seven countries) Japan signs Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty First domestically produced artificial satellite successfully launched Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force Yodo hijacking U.S. and USSR begin SALT I strategic arms limitation talks China successfully launches its first satellite Automatic extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty West Germany-USSR sign non-aggression pact Publication of "The Defense of Japan," the first white paper on defense Yukio Mishima commits suicide by ritual disembowelment at the GSDF Eastern Army Headquarters in Ichigaya	1977	Jan.02 Feb.17 Jun.30 Jul.01 Aug.01 Aug.10 Nov.28 Dec.29	Carter becomes U.S. President Mito District Court renders judgment in Hyakuri Base suit South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) dissolved (Treaty remains effective) Implementation of two maritime laws, proclaiming a 200-mile fishing zone and 12-mile territorial waters North Korea establishes military demarcation lines in Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea Defense Agency starts Emergency Legislation Study Inauguration of reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet; Kanemaru becomes Minister of State for Defense National Defense Council decides on introduction of "F-15s and P-3C," approved by Cabinet on December 29	1983	Jan.01 Jan.14 Mar.23 Jun.12 Sep.01 Oct.09 Oct.25 Nov.08 Dec.12 Dec.27	U.S. establishes new Unified Combatant Command (Central Command) Government decides to pave the way for the transfer of military technologies to the U.S. (Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary) U.S. President Reagan announces Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) Director Tanigawa first Minister of State for Defense to inspect Northern Islands KAL airliner shot down by Soviet fighters near Sakhalin 19 ROK government officials, including cabinet ministers, killed in Burma by North Korean terrorists U.S. and six Caribbean nations send troops to Grenada Signing of negotiation statement for sharing military technology with the U.S. based on the U.S. and Japan Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement (ASDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (staged at Fuchu, through December 15) Inauguration of second Nakasone Cabinet; Kurihara becomes Minister of State for Defense
1971	Feb.11 Jun.17 Jun.29 Jul.05 Jul.30 Aug.02 Aug.09 Sep.30 Oct.25 Nov.24 Nov.27 Dec.03 Dec.03 Dec.05	Signing of treaty forbidding the use of the seabed for military purposes Agreement on the Return of Okinawa signed Okinawa Defense Agreement (Kubo-Curtis Agreement) signed Inauguration of third reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Masuhara becomes Minister of State for Defense All Nippon Airways plane collides with SDF aircraft (Shizukuishi) Nishimura becomes Minister of State for Defense India-Soviet Friendship Treaty signed U.S. and USSR sign agreement on measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution to admit China and expel Taiwan House of Representatives resolution on nonnuclear weapons ASEAN declares SEA neutrality Third India-Pakistan conflict Ezaki becomes Minister of State for Defense ASDF first domestic supersonic aircraft ASDF XT-2 delivered	1978	Apr.12 Apr.12 Sep.21 Nov.03 Nov.27 Nov.27 Dec.05 Dec.07 Dec.25	Chinese fishing fleet infringes on waters around Senkaku Islands Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People's Republic of China signed in Beijing Defense Agency announces modality and purpose of emergency legislation study Vietnam-Soviet Friendship Agreement signed (ASDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral training exercises (east of Misawa and west of Akita, through December 1) 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 Afghanistan-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Good Relations and Cooperation signed Ohira Cabinet established; Yamashita becomes Minister of State for Defense Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia (withdrawal completed on September 26, 1989)	1984	Jan.01 May.23 Jun.11 Oct.16 Nov.01 Dec.12 Dec.27	Brunei gains independence from the U.K. (joins ASEAN on January 7) Kim Il-sung visits USSR (through May 26) (MSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (staged at Yokosuka, through June 15) Defense Agency announces procedures, etc., of future Studies on Emergency Legislation in Studies on Legislation to Deal with Emergencies Inauguration of second reshuffled Nakasone Cabinet; Kato becomes Minister of State for Defense
1972	Jan.07 Feb.08 Feb.27 Apr.10 Apr.18 May.15 May.26 Jul.03 Jul.04 Jul.07 Sep.29	Sato-Nixon joint statement on the agreement of the return of Okinawa and the reduction of bases National Defense Council adopts Outline of 4th Five-Year Defense Build-up Plan, approved by Cabinet on February 8 U.S. President Nixon visits China; China-U.S. Joint Communiqué Japan signs Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) National Defense Council decision on SDF deployment in Okinawa, presented to Cabinet on April 18 Return of Okinawa SALT I and agreement to limit ABM signed during the visit of U.S. President Nixon to USSR India-Pakistan truce signed ROK and North Korea make a Joint Statement for peaceful unification Tanaka Cabinet established; Masuhara becomes Minister of State for Defense Prime Minister Tanaka visits China; normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China	1985	Mar.12 Apr.02 Jun.04 Aug.12	U.S.-Soviet Union arms control talks begin USAF begins to station F-16 fighters at Misawa China announces the reduction of one million personnel from the People's Liberation Army Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the JAL aircraft crash			

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1985	Sep.18	Mid-Term Defense Program approved by National Defense Council and Cabinet, National Defense Council decision to introduce Patriots, Cabinet agreement	1989	Nov.09	GDR permits free departures to the West (virtual demolition of the Berlin Wall)	1992	Dec.18	Modification of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet
	Nov.19	U.S.-Soviet summit meeting, Joint Statement (Geneva, through November 21)		Dec.02	U.S.-Soviet summit talks (Malta, through December 3)		Jan.03	U.S.-Russia summit (Moscow); START-II signed
	Dec.27	Detailed arrangements for the supply of military technologies to the U.S. concluded	1990	Feb.13	U.S. and Soviet foreign ministers agree on upper limit of 195,000 U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe and 225,000 U.S. troops in Europe		Jan.13	Japan signs CWC
	Dec.28	Inauguration of second reshuffled Nakasone Cabinet (second term)		Feb.20	Joint Military Technology Commission decides to provide "military technology related to FS-X" to U.S.		Jan.20	U.S. President Clinton assumes office
1986	Feb.24	First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint command post exercise (Hinoki-cho, headquarters of USFJ, etc., through February 28)		Feb.28	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet; Ishikawa becomes Minister of State for Defense		Mar.12	North Korea announces secession from NPT
	Apr.09	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in first Atsugi Air Facility noise suit		Mar.03	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Kaifu, G.H.W. Bush, Palm Springs, through March 4)		Mar.25	Aegis ship (Kongo) enters service
	Apr.26	Accident at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union		Mar.15	Gorbachev appointed first president of USSR		Apr.08	Death of U.N. Volunteer (JNV) Atsuhito Nakata in Cambodia
	Jul.01	Security Council Establishment Law enacted		May.29	Naha District Court renders judgment in administrative handling suit pertaining to Special Measures Law for USFJ Land		May.04	Multinational forces deployed to Somalia move to United Nations Operation in Somalia II (UNISOM II)
	Jul.22	Inauguration of third Nakasone Cabinet; Kurihara becomes Minister of State for Defense		Jun.19	Japan-U.S. Joint Committee confirms moves to prepare necessary steps to return U.S. military facilities in Okinawa (23 items)		May.04	Death of Superintendent Haruyuki Takada, a civilian police officer in Cambodia
	Aug.10	U.S. announces suspension of its obligations to New Zealand under the ANZUS Treaty in treaty talks (San Francisco, through August 11)		Jun.21	Japan and the U.S. reach agreement in principle on the establishment of a ministerial conference on security		May.11	Mozambique Dispatch Transport Coordination Unit begin departing for Mozambique (All units returned home by January 8, 1995)
	Aug.15	Japan, U.S., USSR open hotline operations		Aug.02	Iraq invades Kuwait		May.14	United Nations Operation in Mozambique headquarters staff depart for Mozambique
	Sep.05	Government approves the first transfer of military technology to the U.S.		Aug.02	U.S. President G.H.W. Bush gives speech at Aspen		May.29	North Korea conducts a ballistic missile test over the central Sea of Japan
	Sep.22	Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE) adopts final documents (Stockholm)		Oct.03	German unification		Jun.01	Along with full operation of the private government plane (B-747), Special Air Transport Squadron newly established
	Oct.15	USSR announces partial withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan		Oct.16	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet		Jun.09	Wedding ceremony of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince
	Oct.27	First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint field training exercise (eastern and southern part of Honshu Island, etc., through October 31)		Oct.24	USSR conducts underground nuclear tests in the Arctic		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
1987	Jan.24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet agree on a program for the future build-up of defense capacity		Nov.10	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations annulled		Jul.12	Disaster relief teams dispatched to Hokkaido in response to the earthquake off southwestern Hokkaido (through August 12)
	Jan.30	Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)		Nov.12	Coronation of Emperor		Aug.04	Signing of peace treaty in Rwandan civil war
	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.23	Great Thanksgiving Festival		Aug.09	Hosokawa Cabinet established; Nakanishi becomes Minister of State for Defense
	May.29	Director Kurihara first incumbent Director to visit China (through June 4)		Dec.20	Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995) approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet		Sep.01	U.S. DoD announces the Bottom Up Review
	Jul.20	U.N. Security Council adopts Iran-Iraq Conflict Cease Fire resolution (Number 598)		Dec.29	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet; Ikeda becomes Minister of State for Defense		Sep.13	Israel and PLO sign a declaration of the principles of provisional autonomy
	Aug.26	Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams enacted	1991	Jan.17	Cabinet approves the establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters		Sep.23	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to establish the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)
	Oct.06	First Japan-U.S. Meeting on COCOM held (Tokyo, through October 7)		Jan.17	Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Desert Storm		Oct.12	Japan-Russia agreement on prevention of marine accidents signed
	Oct.21	Follow-on aircraft for F-1 study results decided and announced		Jan.24	Government pledges an additional U.S.\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region		Nov.01	Maastricht Treaty comes into effect; European Union established
	Nov.06	Takeshita Cabinet established; Kawara becomes Minister of State for Defense		Jan.25	Cabinet approves ordinance on interim measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees (promulgated and enacted on January 29, annulled April 19)		Dec.02	Aichi becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Nov.29	KAL airliner blown up by North Korean terrorists over the Bay of Bengal		Mar.13	Kanazawa District Court renders judgment on the first and second trials for the lawsuit pertaining to noise generated by the Komatsu Air Base		Feb.23	"Advisory Group on Defense Issues" inaugurated under the Prime Minister
	Dec.08	INF Treaty signed		Mar.31	WPO (Warsaw Pact structures) dismantled		Feb.25	Defense Agency's "Defense Posture Review Board" inaugurated
	Dec.18	Security Council of Japan approves a study on the state of air defense on the high seas		Apr.11	Gulf War formally ended		Mar.01	First Japan-China security dialogue (Beijing)
1988	Mar.02	Revised protocol of the Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)		Apr.24	Security Council and Cabinet decide on "Sending minesweepers to the Persian Gulf"		Mar.23	First female aviation students join MSDF
	Mar.13	Aomori-Hakodate Undersea Tunnel opens		Apr.26	Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf		Mar.24	First female aviation students join ASDF
	Mar.14	Armed clashes between China and Vietnam in the waters around the Spratly Islands		Apr.26	Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf		Apr.28	Hada Cabinet established; Kanda becomes Minister of State for Defense
	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.03	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of Fugendake on Mt. Unzen		Jun.08	U.S. DoD submits "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation" pertaining to weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear weapons
	May.29	U.S.-Soviet Union summit talks (Moscow, through June 1, instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged)		Jul.31	U.S. and Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow		Jun.30	Murayama Cabinet established; Tamazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Jun.01	Supreme Court renders judgment on an appeal against the enshrining of an SDF officer killed in an accident		Sep.06	Soviet State Council approves independence of three Baltic states		Jul.08	North Korean President Kim Il-Sung dies
	Jul.23	Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka)		Sep.11	Miyazawa Cabinet established		Jul.25	1st ASEAN Regional Forum (Bangkok)
	Aug.17	First joint verification of an underground nuclear test carried out by U.S. and Soviet Union (Nevada)		Sep.17	U.N. General Assembly approves 7 member nations, including North and South Korea, and 3 Baltic nations		Sep.22	U.S. DoD announces "Nuclear Posture Review"
	Aug.20	Ceasefire agreement reached in Iran-Iraq War		Sep.26	Aegis destroyer launching ceremony		Oct.21	U.S.-North Korea talks, both sides sign "Framework Agreement" relating to support for North Korean light water reactors, and provision of substitute energy
	Aug.24	Tazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense		Oct.09	SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time		Nov.09	First Japan-ROK working-level defense policy dialogue (Seoul)
	Sep.20	First Japan-made T-4 medium trainer introduced		Nov.05	House of Representatives establishes the Committee on National Security		Dec.01	First Asia-Pacific Security Seminar (under the auspices of the National Institute for Defense Studies, through December 17)
	Oct.17	U.S. and Philippines sign negotiated agreement on revised Military Bases Agreement		Nov.26	Clark USAF Base formally returned to Philippines		Dec.01	Commander of U.S.-ROK Combined Forces devolves operational control in peacetime to ROK forces
	Nov.29	Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint development		Dec.05	Ukrainian independence declared by Supreme Council of Ukrainian Republic		Dec.05	START-I comes into force
	Dec.07	General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet troops		Dec.08	CIS agreement signed by leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine at summit (Brest, Belarus)		Dec.18	Russia starts military operations against Chechnya
	Dec.27	Inauguration of reshuffled Takeshita Cabinet		Dec.25	Soviet President Gorbachev resigns		Dec.20	First visit to Japan by the ROK's naval training vessel (Harumi, through December 23)
1989	Jan.07	Demise of Emperor Showa	1992	Feb.07	Twelve EC countries sign the European Union Treaty (Maastricht Treaty)	1995	Jan.17	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (through April 27)
1989	Feb.15	Soviet Union completes the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan		Feb.25	China promulgates and enacts Territorial Waters Act, designating the Senkaku Islands as an integral part of China		Mar.09	Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) established
	Feb.24	Emperor Showa's funeral		Apr.01	Custody of government aircraft (B-747) transferred to the Defense Agency		Mar.20	SDF personnel dispatched teams to carry out rescue operations in the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system (through March 23)
	Mar.09	Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) started (Vienna)		Apr.01	First female students enter National Defense Academy of Japan		May.11	NPT extended indefinitely
	Mar.09	Confidence and Security-Building Measures (CSBM) started (Vienna)		Apr.27	Tokyo District Court renders judgment in suits pertaining to the surrender of land for Atsugi Air Base		May.19	Enactment of "Act on Special Measures Incidental to Reversion of Lands in Okinawa Prefecture Offered for Use by United States Forces in Japan" (effective June 20)
	Mar.15	Hachioji branch of the Tokyo District Court renders judgment in the 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit		May.22	North Korean soldiers invade the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and fire guns		Jun.05	The defense authorities of Japan and the ROK both issue the "letter concerning the prevention of accidents between aircraft of the Japan Self-Defense Forces and military aircraft of the Republic of Korea"
	Mar.30	New BADGE system begins operations		May.23	START-I Treaty signed between the U.S. and four Soviet States including Russia		Jul.11	NATO, aerial bombing of Serbian forces
	Apr.01	Consumption Tax Law enforced		May.25	IAEA officials make the first designated inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities (through June 5)		Jul.28	Vietnam officially joins ASEAN
	May.10	START-I reopened at U.S.-Soviet foreign ministers conference, agreement achieved (Moscow, through May 11)		Jun.19	Announcement of "International Peace Cooperation Law" (enacted August 10), announcement and enactment of "Plan to Amend Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams"		Aug.01	1st KEDO Meeting (Japan-U.S.-ROK) held (New York)
	Jun.03	Uno Cabinet established; Yamazaki becomes Minister of State for Defense		Jun.29	Law Revising Part of the Law Concerning the Dispatch of International Disaster Relief Teams comes into force		Aug.08	Inauguration of reshuffled Murayama Cabinet; Eto becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Jun.04	Chinese martial law units fire on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in Beijing (2nd Tiananmen incident)		Aug.10	International Peace Cooperation Law comes into force		Sep.04	Japanese schoolgirl assaulted by three U.S. soldiers based in Okinawa
	Jun.20	Supreme Court renders judgment in the Hyakuri Base suit		Aug.24	China and the ROK establish diplomatic relations		Sep.15	Ratification of Chemical Weapons Convention
	Jun.22	Yokohama District Court renders judgment in the Atsugi Air Facility suit to vacate the premises		Sep.17	Departure commences of 1st Cambodia Dispatch Facilities Battalion (All units returned to Japan by September 26, 1993)		Oct.27	Announcement of "Law Relating to the Treatment of Defense Agency Personnel Dispatched to International Organizations" (effective January 1, 1996)
	Jun.24	Zhao Ziyang relieved of post as General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, and replaced by Jiang Zemin		Sep.19	Departure of Electoral Observer to Cambodia (Narita)		Nov.17	Cabinet approves the establishment of a consultation forum to discuss issues relating to U.S. bases in Okinawa
	Aug.10	Kaifu Cabinet established; Matsumoto becomes Minister of State for Defense		Sep.30	U.S. returns Naval Base Subic Bay (Philippines)		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)
	Sep.26	Vietnam completely withdraws from Cambodia		Oct.23	Emperor and Empress visit China (through October 28)		Nov.28	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet adopt National Defense Program Outline for the period from FY1996
				Nov.09	CFE Treaty becomes formally effective		Dec.14	Security Council of Japan adopts the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2000) (Cabinet Decision of December 15)
				Nov.24	U.S. returns Air Station Cubi Point (Philippines) (withdrawal from Philippines complete)			
				Dec.03	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to allow military action by multinational forces in Somalia			
				Dec.11	Inauguration of reshuffled Miyazawa Cabinet; Nakayama becomes Minister of State for Defense			
				Dec.16	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to deploy peacekeeping operations in Mozambique			

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1995	Dec.14	Security Council of Japan makes decision "Regarding upgrading of Next-Generation Support Fighter" (December 15, Cabinet approval); Model of Next-Generation Support Fighter "F-2" decided	1998	Jul.29	Bilateral search and rescue exercise between MSDF/ASDF and Russian Navy — the first full-fledged bilateral exercise between Japan and Russia	2000	Sep.13	SDF personnel dispatched to dispose of Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW) in China	
	Dec.14	Formal signing of the Bosnia Peace Agreement in Paris		Jul.30	Obuchi Cabinet established; Nukaga becomes Minister of State for Defense		Oct.12	U.S. and North Korea announce U.S.–North Korea Joint Communiqué	
	Dec.15	10 Southeast Asian nations sign the South East Asia Non-Nuclear Zone Treaty at ASEAN summit meeting		Aug.31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace		Oct.12	Terrorist attack on the U.S.S. Cole, an American destroyer, in Yemen	
	Dec.20	IFOR, consisting mainly of NATO troops, replaces UNPROFOR and formally commences operations		Aug.31	Government refuses to sign Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) resolution on cost sharing after North Korean missile launch		Nov.20	The 22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF	
1996	Jan.11	Hashimoto Cabinet established; Usui becomes Minister of State for Defense	Sep.01	Temporary freezing of Japan–North Korea normalization talks	Dec.05	Inauguration of second reshuffled Mori Cabinet; Saito becomes Minister of State for Defense	2001	Feb.05	SDF units dispatched to India for International Disaster Relief Operation (through February 11), following the major earthquake which hit western India on January 26
	Jan.26	START-II ratified by U.S. Senate	Sep.02	Additional sanctions on North Korea (suspension of charter flights) implemented	Dec.15	Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet adopts the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2001–FY2005)		Feb.09	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC (through March, 2005)
	Jan.31	SDF units dispatched to United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)	Sep.24	Japan–ROK Fisheries Agreement concluded (Takeshima Issue shelved)	Feb.10	Collision between Ehime Maru and U.S. submarine		Mar.01	The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect
	Mar.08	China carries out three missile firing exercises in total, naval and air force live-fire drills and, ground, naval and air force integrated exercises in the waters close to Taiwan March 8–25	Sep.30	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty concluded	Mar.07	Former Maritime Self-Defense official is given a jail sentence for providing confidential documents to officer of the Russian Embassy		Apr.01	Information Disclosure Act (IDA) comes into force
	Mar.23	Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections; Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui re-elected	Oct.21	KEDO signed	Apr.01	Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes	Apr.26	Koizumi Cabinet established; Nakatani becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	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)	Nov.14	Departure of GSDF dispatch units to Honduras (operations in region November 18–December 1, return to Japan December 5)	May.14	Diplomatic relations established between North Korea and EU	Jun.15	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) established	
	Apr.15	Signing of Japan–U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement and its procedural arrangements (effective October 22)	Nov.15	First joint exercise involving all three branches (a total of 2,400 personnel from the GSDF, MSDF and ASDF) (two Jima)	Aug.08	Disaster relief teams dispatched for submarine rescue ship Chihaya to cooperate in raising the Ehime Maru (returned December 16)	Sep.11	Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur	
	Apr.16	Cabinet approves the promotion of solutions to issues relating to facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Okinawa Prefecture	Nov.20	Norota becomes Minister of State for Defense	Sep.12	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution condemning the terrorist attacks	Sep.19	Prime Minister Koizumi announces immediate measures in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S.	
	Apr.17	Japan–U.S. Joint Declaration on Security issued	Dec.17	U.S. and U.K. forces initiate Operation Desert Fox against Iraq as a punishment for refusal to cooperate with UNSCOM inspections (through December 20)	Sep.21	First Meeting of the Committee to Consider the Modality of National Defense	Oct.01	U.S. announces Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)	
	Jul.12	Inaugural meeting of Wassenaar Arrangement (Vienna)	Dec.22	Cabinet decision on the introduction of information gathering satellite	Oct.02	In response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S., NATO invokes Article 5 (on collective self-defense) of the North Atlantic Treaty	Oct.02	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan (October 19, U.S. Forces sends special operation forces, first ground fighting)	
	Jul.20	U.N. Treaty on the Law of the Seas goes into effect in Japan	Dec.22	Aha Training Area returned (the first resolved issue of SACO)	Oct.06	International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan refugees (through October 12)	Oct.07	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan (October 19, U.S. Forces sends special operation forces, first ground fighting)	
	Jul.26	First visit to Russia by MSDF ships (Vladivostok, through July 30, Russian Navy's 300th anniversary naval review)	Dec.25	Security Council approves Japan–U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies	Oct.08	Government of Japan establishes the Emergency Anti-Terrorism Headquarters and decides upon Emergency Response Measures at the first meeting	Oct.29	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and other measures passed in the House of Councillors plenary session	
	Jul.29	China conducts underground nuclear test (its 45th), then announces moratorium on nuclear testing	1999	Jan.14	Inauguration of reshuffled Obuchi Cabinet	Oct.29	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law are promulgated and enforced (strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy is separately enforced on November 1, 2002)	Nov.02	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law are promulgated and enforced (strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy is separately enforced on November 1, 2002)
	Aug.28	First visit by MSDF ships to ROK (Pusan, through September 6)	Mar.01	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty enters into force in Japan	Nov.02	A Cabinet decision is made for a basic plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Nov.25	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, an MSDF supply vessel, minesweeper tender, and destroyers depart for cooperation and support activities	
	Sep.10	U.N. General Assembly adopts the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)	Mar.23	Discovery of a suspicious ship off the Noto Peninsula (Maritime security operations ordered on March 24)	Nov.27	Exchange of fire in the Korean demilitarized zone (DMZ)	Dec.05	U.S. and Russia complete implementation of START-I	
	Sep.18	North Korean minisubmarine runs aground on the east coast of ROK, its crew intruding into ROK territory (clearing operation completed November 7)	Mar.29	GSDF establishes first brigade	Dec.20	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution establishing an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)	Dec.22	Afghanistan Interim Authority formed, with Hamid Karzai serving as Chairman	
	Sep.26	Hong Kong protest vessels (Baodia) etc., intrude into Japan's territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands	Apr.01	Establishment of Committee for the Promotion of Information Gathering Satellites (Cabinet)	Dec.29	Suspicious boat incident in waters southwest of Kyushu	Dec.29	Russia withdraws troops from its base in Cuba	
	Sep.27	Taliban gains control of the Afghan capital, Kabul, and declares the establishment of the provisional government	May.24	Agreement between Japan and U.S. to amend the "Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement" (adding cooperation for operations to respond to situations in areas surrounding Japan) approved in Diet (effective September 25)	Jan.29	U.S. President G.W. Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address	Feb.15	Cabinet decision on international cooperation execution plan for Timor-Leste	
	Oct.03	Russia-Chechnya ceasefire agreed	May.28	Act Concerning the Measures for Peace and Safety of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan promulgated (enters into force August 25), Act for Partial Revision of the Self-Defense Forces Act promulgated and enters into force	Mar.02	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to Timor-Leste (through June 25, 2004)	Mar.27	Introduction of Candidates for SDF Reserve Personnel System	
Oct.29	First Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo, through October 31)	Jun.15	Shooting incident between North Korean Naval ships which had crossed the Northern Limit Line and South Korean Naval ships	Apr.22	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise held (the first multilateral exercise organized by Japan, through May 2)	May.04	Independence of Timor-Leste		
Nov.07	Inauguration of second Hashimoto Cabinet; Kyuma becomes Minister of State for Defense	Jul.23	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in second Atsugi Air Facility noise suit	May.20	The United Nations Transitional Administration in Timor-Leste (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in Timor-Leste (UNMIST)	May.24	Signing of Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions		
Nov.18	Basic NATO agreement to keep a multinational stabilization force (SFOR) to succeed IFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina	Aug.05	First Bilateral Exercise of Search and Rescue Exercise between MSDF and ROK Navy (waters west of Kyushu)	Jun.13	U.S. withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty	Jun.29	Exchanges of fire between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats which crossed the NLL		
Dec.02	SACO final report approved by Japan–U.S. Joint Security Council	Aug.16	Signing of a memorandum on developing infrastructure for the development of exchange and dialogue between Japan's and Russia's Ministries of Defense (Moscow)	Jul.16	U.S. government releases "National Strategy for Homeland Security"	Jul.29	Basic Plan of the Futenma Replacement Facility agreed		
Dec.13	First Consultations Between Japanese and Russian Defense Authorities (Tokyo)	Aug.16	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)	Aug.01	Enactment of the "Self-Defense Forces Personnel Ethics Act"	Sep.17	Japan–North Korea Summit held Kim Jong-il, the North Korean President, admits and apologizes for abductions		
Dec.24	Security Council and Cabinet decisions on responses to foreign submarines traveling underwater in Japanese territorial waters	Aug.25	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan comes into force	Apr.05	Mori Cabinet established	Sep.20	U.S. government announces "National Security Strategy"		
1997	Jan.02	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Russian Nakhodka shipwreck and oil spill disaster (through March 31)	Sep.02	North Korea announces the invalidation of the Northern Limit Line in the Yellow Sea and the establishment of a new military demarcation line on the sea	Apr.14	Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II (START-II)	Sep.30	Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ishiba becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jan.20	Establishment of Defense Intelligence Headquarters	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)	May.07	Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes duties as President	Oct.01	Personnel deployed to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (Head of Operations and Planning Branch) (through July 6)	
	Apr.29	CWC enters into force	Sep.29	Russian military unit advances into the Republic of Chechnya	May.08	Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building	Oct.13	First International Fleet Review in Japan (Tokyo Bay)	
	May.12	Russia–Chechnya peace treaty signed	Sep.30	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the accident at a uranium processing facility in Tokaimura (through October 3)	Jun.16	The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force	Oct.15	Five of those abducted return to Japan	
	Jun.09	Self-Defense Official (Director General of the Inspection Bureau) dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (through June 2002)	Oct.05	Kawara becomes Minister of State for Defense	Jul.04	Inauguration of second Mori Cabinet; Torashima becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct.16	U.S. government announces that North Korea admitted the fact that they had a uranium enrichment plan for nuclear weapons during Assistant Secretary of State Kerry's visit	
	Jul.01	Hong Kong reverts to China	Nov.22	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for Timor-Leste Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000)	Jul.21	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23)	Nov.01	Introduction of stricter penalties in order to protect classified information (defense secrets)	
	Jul.03	The first artillery live-fire training by U.S. Marines stationed in Okinawa conducted on the mainland of Japan (at Kita Fuji, through July 9)	Nov.22	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture declares the site proposed for the relocation of Futenma Air Station	Jul.21	U.S.–Russia summit meeting held, Cooperation on Strategic Stability announced	Nov.14	KEDO Executive Board decides to freeze provision of heavy oil to North Korea from December	
	Jul.16	North Korean soldiers cross the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) and exchange fire with ROK troops	Dec.17	U.N. Security Council adopts a comprehensive resolution relating to the Iraq issue and establishes UNMOVIC in place of UNSCOM	Aug.25	Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established	Nov.18	First SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercise in Hokkaido	
	Sep.11	Inauguration of second reshuffled Hashimoto Cabinet	Dec.20	Rule over Macao transferred to China					
	Sep.23	Guidelines for New Japan–U.S. defense cooperation approved by Security Consultative Committee (SCC)	Dec.27	Decision with the Japan Coast Guard on the "Joint Response Manual for Suspicious Ships"					
Oct.08	North Korean Workers' Party Secretary Kim Jong-il assumes the post of General Secretary	Dec.27	Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture announces the acceptance of alternative facilities for Futenma Air Station						
Nov.10	China–Russia summit talks: China–Russian joint statement signed (Beijing), and demarcation of the China–Russian eastern border declared	Dec.28	Cabinet decision on Government Policy for the Relocation of Futenma Air Station						
Dec.03	Japan signs Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty	2000	Jan.17	Anti-personnel mine disposal begins					
Dec.03	Final Report of the Administrative Reform Committee	Feb.16	First assembly of the Research Commissions on the Constitution in the Upper House (Lower House on February 17)						
Dec.04	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty signing ceremony in Ottawa (121 nations)	Apr.01	Enactment of the "Self-Defense Forces Personnel Ethics Act"						
Dec.19	Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996–FY2000) approved by the Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet	Apr.05	Mori Cabinet established						
1998	Mar.26	Introduction of a system of SDF ready reserve personnel	Apr.14	Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II (START-II)					
	Apr.28	The signing of an agreement to revise the Japan–U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement	May.07	Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes duties as President					
	May.11	India carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 13)	May.08	Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building					
	May.12	Fukuoka High Court Naha Branch renders judgment in the first through third Kadena base noise suits	Jun.16	The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force					
	May.28	Pakistan carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 30)	Jul.04	Inauguration of second Mori Cabinet; Torashima becomes Minister of State for Defense					
	Jun.06	U.N. Security Council resolution adopted that condemns nuclear tests by India and Pakistan	Jul.21	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23)					
	Jun.12	Announcement and enactment of Basic Act on Central Government Reform	Jul.21	U.S.–Russia summit meeting held, Cooperation on Strategic Stability announced					

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2002	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	2004	May 20	United Nations Mission of Support to East Timor (UNMISET) transfers defense and security authority to Timor-Leste	2005	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"		
	Dec.02	SDF personnel dispatched for the first time to the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)		May 22	Japan-North Korea Summit held (Pyongyang). Five family members of abductees return to Japan		Nov.16	India and Pakistan complete the opening of five areas on the effective control line in Kashmir to enable disaster rescue activities for the sufferers from the great earthquake in Pakistan etc.		
	Dec.12	North Korea announces it will resume operation and establishment of nuclear-related facilities		Jun.01	Interim Iraqi Government inaugurated (sovereignty transferred on June 28), and Iraqi Governing Council dissolved		Nov.27	Field training under the Civil Protection Law takes place for the first time in Fukui Prefecture		
	Dec.16	Kirishima, vessel equipped with Aegis air defense systems, departs the port of Yokosuka, according to revision (December 5) in Implementation Plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law		Jun.01	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq		Dec.01	Partial revision of the Act on Remuneration of Defense Agency Personnel (revised remuneration) enters into force		
	Dec.17	U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system		Jun.14	Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in House of Councilors plenary session and conclusion of three treaties approved		Dec.14	The first East Asia Summit is held (Kuala Lumpur)		
	2003	Jan.10		North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)	Jun.14		Special Measures Law for the Embargo on Specific Ships passed	Dec.16	U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution criticizing the human rights situation in North Korea	
		Jan.24		U.S. Department of Homeland Security established	Jun.18		Cabinet agreement for SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty (joining multinational forces)	Dec.24	The Security Council and the Cabinet approve "Japan-U.S. Joint Development of Interceptor Missiles Having Improved Capability of Ballistic Missile Defense"	
		Jan.28		Establishment of Consultative Body on Construction of Futenma Replacement Facility concerning Futenma Air Station Replacement	Jun.23		Third Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through June 26)	2006	Jan.10	Iran begins an uranium enrichment experiment
		Feb.08		Disposal of antipersonnel landmines complete (with some exceptions)	Jun.28		Transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, patrols commenced by the navies of three countries, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia		Feb.03	The United States releases "Quadrennial Defense Review" (QDR)
		Mar.14		U.S. President G.W. Bush announces the lifting of economic sanctions against Pakistan	Jul.20		U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	Feb.04	Japan-North Korea negotiations concerning abduction issue, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile issues are held (through February 6)	
Mar.20		U.S. and U.K. Forces begin military operations in Iraq	Aug.13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	Mar.06	At the Japan-China intergovernmental conference, China makes a proposal of joint development of gas field in East China Sea (through March 7)				
Mar.27		Act for Partial Revision of the Defense Agency Establishment Act, etc. (changes in SDF personnel quota and number of Ready Reserve personnel) enters into force	Sep.10	FPDA (Five Power Defense Arrangements) conducts the first antimaritime terrorism exercise in the South China Sea (September 25)	Mar.16	The United States announces the National Security Strategy				
Mar.30		International peace cooperation activities are conducted for relief of Iraqi refugees (Airborne unit for Iraqi refugee relief returns to Japan on April 2)	Sep.27	Inauguration of second reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ohno becomes Minister of State for Defense	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				
Apr.21		ASDF in-flight refueling training (through May 1)	Oct.06	The U.S. and ROK announce a plan of three stage reduction of 12,500 U.S. forces stationed in the ROK by 2008	Apr.23	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				
May 01		U.S. President G.W. Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan	Oct.25	PSI exercise for maritime interdiction operation hosted by Japan for the first time (in the offing of Sagami Bay and in Yokosuka Harbor, through October 27)	May 01	The Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) announces the "United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation"				
May 31	U.S. President G.W. Bush proposes Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) for the first time	Oct.25	EU leaders sign the EU Constitution	May 05	Peace agreement between Sudanese government and certain rebel forces in Darfur Conflict					
Jun.01	U.S.-Russia leaders talk, enforcement of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions	Nov.07	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary commemorative troop review	May 11	The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture and Minister of State for Defense sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ					
Jun.06	Three Armed Attack Situation Response related laws passed in the House of Councilors plenary session	Nov.10	Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered submarine into Japan's territorial waters-Maritime security operations order issued (through November 12)	May 15	U.S. rescinds designation of Libya as a state sponsor of terrorism					
Jun.13	Cabinet decision on the Bill Concerning the Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq	Nov.16	Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine's intrusion into Japan's territorial waters	May 27	Large-scale earthquake takes place in the middle part of Java, Indonesia					
Jul.04	Cabinet approval for "Implementation Plan for International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Iraqi Afflicted Persons"	Dec.26	Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster	May 29	First P-3C visit to Australia					
Jul.17	International peace 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)	Dec.27	China releases a white paper, "China's National Defense in 2004"	Jun.01	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the earthquake that occurred in central Java (through June 22)					
Jul.26	Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq passed in the House of Councilors plenary session	Dec.10	"National Defense Program Guidelines, FY2005" and "Mid-Term Defense Program for FY2005-FY2009" adopted by the Security Council and the Cabinet	Jun.16	Nepalese government and Maoists sign peace accord					
Jul.29	Cabinet decision on changes to the implementation plan of the International Peace Cooperation Operations in the Golan Heights	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 (through January 1, 2005)	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					
Aug.27	First Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through August 29)	2005	Jan.04	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 teams returned home by March 23)	Jun.20	The Government makes a decision to discontinue the activities of the GSFDF contingent dispatched to Iraq, ASDF units continue to support the United Nations and the multinational forces				
Sep.11	Ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Memorial Zone		Jan.19	The Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged submarines in Japan's territorial waters	Jun.23	Agreement concerning provision of arms and military technologies to the United States is signed				
Sep.12	First joint exercise of PSI held in the Coral Sea northeast of Australia (through September 14)		Feb.10	North Korean Foreign Ministry releases a statement implying its manufacture of nuclear weapons (May 11, announces the unloading of 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods)	Jun.29	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting, joint document "The Japan-U.S. Alliance of the New Century" announced				
Sep.14	Government survey mission dispatched to Middle East countries, including Iraq		Feb.19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) - common strategic objectives confirmed	Jul.05	North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan				
Sep.22	Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet (second term)		Mar.08	"ROK's government protest over Asahi Shinbun aircraft approaching Takeshima without authorization"	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.				
Sep.30	Cabinet decides to newly establish, in its decoration system, an award for people engaged in dangerous activities		Mar.14	National People's Congress adopts "Anti-Secession Law"	Jul.31	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Defense Agency Establishment Law (inc. reinforcement of facilities administration function of the agency, establishment of the Equipment headquarters and reorganization of the Prefecture Liaison Offices into the Provincial Cooperation Offices)				
Oct.07	Joint communique signed for the first time at Japan-China-ROK Summit meeting		Mar.14	A Japanese boat attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew abducted (Released on March 20)	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				
Oct.10	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law remains in force for another two years		Mar.16	Shimane Prefecture establishes "Takeshima Day"	Aug.29	U.S. Navy, deploys Aegis ships equipped with SM-3 at Yokosuka naval facility				
Oct.15	China launches its first manned spacecraft Shenzhou 5		Mar.25	Cabinet decision made on Basic Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians	Aug.29	The Council Meeting on Measures for Relocation of Futenma Air Station established, and its first meeting held				
Nov.03	Former SDF officials decorated for their engagement in dangerous activities		Apr.25	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the railroad accident on JR West's Fukuchiyama Line	Sep.20	Chinese Navy performs joint search and rescue exercises with U.S. Navy (sea around San Diego)				
Nov.15	SDF special research group dispatched to Iraq	May 02	SDF officially takes part for the first time in the multinational exercise Cobra Gold 2005 conducted in Chiang Mai, Thailand (through May 13)	Sep.26	Abe Cabinet established; Kyuma becomes Minister of State for Defense					
Nov.19	Inauguration of second Koizumi Cabinet	Jul.14	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry announces permission granted to Teikoku Oil for trial drilling in the East China Sea	Oct.09	North Korea conducts an underground nuclear test					
Nov.29	Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq	Aug.05	An MSDF vessel dispatched to conduct international disaster relief activity in Connection with the accident of a small submarine of the Russian Navy off Kamchatka (All units returned home by August 10)	Oct.13	Sanctions implemented against North Korea, which announced that it had conducted a nuclear weapon test					
Dec.04	Australia decides to participate in missile defense program	Sep.09	First China-Russia joint military exercises "Peace Mission 2005" (through August 25)	Dec.19	U.N. General Assembly adopts draft resolution condemning abduction of foreign citizens by North Korea					
Dec.13	U.S. forces capture former President Hussein in Iraq	Sep.09	Five destroyers of the Chinese Navy, including Sovremenny Class, are navigating in the sea area surrounding "Kashi" gas field near the median line between Japan and China in the East China Sea	Dec.30	Iraqi government executes death sentence of former Iraqi President Hussein					
Dec.18	Iran signs IAEA agreement	Sep.19	Joint statement adopted at Fourth Round of Six-Party Talks	2007	Jan.09	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Defense Agency Establishment Law (reorganization of the Defense Agency into the Ministry of Defense and stipulation of the SDF's international peace cooperation activities as its primary mission)				
Dec.19	Libya announces abandonment of weapons of mass destruction program	Sep.21	Inauguration of third Koizumi Cabinet		Jan.12	China conducts an anti-satellite test				
Dec.19	Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and Cabinet meeting)	Oct.12	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched for international emergency assistance activities in response to largescale earthquake in Pakistan, etc. (All teams returned home by December 2)		Jan.23	U.N. Security Council decides to set up the U.N. Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) to oversee disarmament in Nepal				
Dec.26	ASDF advance team leaves for Kuwait	Oct.20	GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint field training against terrorist attacks for the first time		Feb.13	North Korea agrees to disable all of its nuclear facilities during the Six-Party Talks				
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 (January 1-2, 2004)	Oct.29	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) joint announces "Japan-U.S. Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future"		Mar.05	First Aviation Training Relocation associated with realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan (Tsukiki, through March 8)				
2004	Jan.12	Japan and India release "Next Steps in Strategic Partnership" (NSSP) statement	Oct.31		Inauguration of third reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Nukaga becomes Minister of State for Defense	Mar.13	Australian Prime Minister Howard visits Japan, and the Japan-Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed			
	Jan.22	ASDF main contingent leaves for Kuwait	Oct.31		Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended for one year)	Mar.23	Emergency response procedures for destruction measures against ballistic missiles are prepared			
	Feb.03	Departure of first SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities	Nov.09		First session of the Fifth Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through November 11)"	Mar.28	Establishment of the Central Readiness Force			
	Feb.09	Implementation of Iraq-related response measures approved in Diet				Mar.30	A Patriot PAC-3 system is deployed at the ASDF Iruma Base			
	Feb.09	MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait (return on April 8)								
	Feb.25	Second Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through February 29)								
	Mar.04	Disaster relief teams dispatched for the first time in response to bird flu (Tanbacho, Kyoto Prefecture, through March 11)								
	Mar.22	EU General Affairs Council agrees upon development of the structure and organization of EU rapid response capabilities								
	Mar.26	Diet decides on installation of ballistic missile defense system (FY2004 draft budget passed in the House of Councilors plenary session)								
	Apr.15	First transport of Japanese nationals living overseas implemented, 10 nationals transported from Iraq to Kuwait								
Apr.15	Ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Defense Agency/SDF									
Apr.28	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction									

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2007	Mar.30	SDF personnel dispatched for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) as military observers (through January 18, 2011)	2008	Jul.15	Report by the Council for Reforming the Ministry of Defense released	2009	Oct.01	China conducts 60th Anniversary Military Parade		
	Apr.11	First Japan-India Vice-Ministerial level talks on defense policy		Aug.02	Inauguration of reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet; Hayashi becomes Minister of Defense		Oct.05	SDF units dispatched to aid international disaster relief activities after the Padang earthquake in Indonesia (through October 17)		
	Apr.16	Japan-U.S.-India naval drill conducted for the first time		Aug.08	Russian Armed Forces intervene in military clashes between Georgian and South Ossetian forces		Oct.20	1st Ministry of Defense Policy Meeting		
	Apr.16	Nagoya District Court, Kanazawa Branch renders judgment on the third and fourth trials for the suit pertaining to noise generated by the Komatsu Air Base		Aug.10	Armed groups attack public security facilities in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China		Oct.27	Destroyer Kurama collides with ROK cargo ship Carina Star in the Kammon Straits		
	May 01	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) announces the joint statement "Alliance Transformation: Advancing United States-Japan Security and Defense Cooperation"		Aug.29	TROI receives prototype of next-generation fixed-wing patrol aircraft XP-1 no. 1		Nov.10	North and South Korean ships engage in fire in the Yellow Sea		
	May 18	ASDF controllers positioned at the Yokota RAPCON facility		Sep.09	U.S. President G.W. Bush announces reduction of U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and increase of troops in Afghanistan		Nov.11	Government Revitalization Unit "project screening" (through November 27)		
	May 28	U.S. and Iran begin official talks for the first time in 27 years (ambassador-level)		Sep.24	Aso Cabinet established; Hamada becomes Minister of Defense		Nov.12	Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Emperor of Japan's coronation		
	May 29	Russia announces that it succeeded in launching a new intercontinental ballistic missile		Sep.25	Commissioning of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington		Nov.23	Deployment Surface Force for Counter Piracy Enforcement (DSPE) receives the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea		
	Jun.01	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 Bureau, joint units of GSDF, MSDF and ASDF, etc.) of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law and the Self-Defense Forces Law enacted		Sep.25	China launches a manned spacecraft "Shenzhou 7," and conducts successful extravehicular activity for the first time		Dec.01	Lisbon treaty comes into effect		
	Jun.02	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting held for the first time (Minister of Defense Kiyama, U.S. Secretary of Defense Gates, and Minister of Defense Nelson, in Singapore)		Oct.03	U.S. DoD informs Congress of sale of PAC-3s, AH-64Ds, attack helicopters, etc., to Taiwan		Dec.03	Tokyo High Court rejects appeal by MSDF Lieutenant Commander in Aegis information leakage case (appeal to Supreme Court)		
	Jun.06	Japan-Australia Joint Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations held for the first time ("2+2," Tokyo)		Oct.10	U.S. removes North Korea from its list of state sponsors of terrorism		Dec.05	START I lapses		
	Jun.28	Russia succeeds in the experimental launch of new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), Bulava.		Oct.19	Four Chinese naval warships including a destroyer sail through Tsugaru Strait for the first time		Dec.17	Security Council and Cabinet approve the document on the building up of defense capability for FY2010		
	Jul.04	Koike becomes Minister of State for Defense		Oct.22	Japan-India Summit Meeting: Japan-India Joint Statement on the Advancement of the Strategic and Global Partnership, and Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed		2010	Jan.01	China announces that it has performed missile interception test	
	Jul.14	Russian President Putin signs presidential order on the termination of the execution of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)		Oct.24	SDF personnel dispatched to United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) (through September 30, 2011)			Jan.12	M7 earthquake occurs in Haiti	
	Jul.20	Enactment of the "Basic Act on Ocean Policy"		Nov.02	Four Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean for the first time			Jan.17	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in Haiti (February 14, operation completed)	
	Jul.31	The U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1769 on the dispatch of the U.N./AU Joint PKO Unit (UNMID) to the Darfur region in Sudan		Dec.02	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1846 on countering piracy off the coast of Somalia			Jan.19	"2+2" joint statement on the 50th anniversary of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	
	Aug.10	Conclusion of the General Security of Military Information Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States (GSOMIA)		Dec.03	Convention on Cluster Munitions signed			Jan.29	First test flight of Russian fifth-generation fighter PAK FA	
	Aug.27	Inauguration of reshuffled Abe Cabinet; Koumura becomes Minister of State for Defense		Dec.20	Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2005-FY2009) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			Feb.05	Decision made to dispatch SDF units to United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) (February 6, deployment commences) (January 25, 2013, operation completed)	
	Aug.29	Enactment of the USFJ Realignment Special Measures Law		Dec.23	ASDF Airlift Wing that was deployed under the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq returns to Japan			Feb.27	U.S. announces "Quadrennial Defense Review" (QDR) and "Ballistic Missile Defense Review" (BMDR)	
	Sep.01	Local Cooperation Bureau, Equipment and Facilities Headquarters, Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance, and Local Defense Bureau created		Dec.26	ASDF Airlift Wing that was deployed under the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq returns to Japan			Mar.07	Russia publishes new navy doctrine	
	Sep.26	Fukuda Cabinet established; Ishiba becomes Minister of State for Defense		2009	Jan.08			ASDF deploys F-15s to Okinawa (Hyakuri)	Mar.11	ASDF Hyakuri Base, joint civilian use of runway
	Sep.27	Second session of the Sixth Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing) (through September 30) (October 3, Sixth Six-Party Talks Agreement "Second-Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement" published)			Jan.15			Ministry of Defense decides on "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space"	Mar.26	ROK naval patrol ship "Cheonan" sank in the Yellow Sea by a torpedo attack from a North Korean submarine
	Oct.03	The Six-Party Talks Joint Statement, the "Second-Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement," is announced			Jan.27			Japanese fishing boat No. 38 Yoshimaru caught by Russian Coast Guard in Sea of Japan	Mar.26	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (new establishment of the 15th Bridge and reorganization of the Youth Technical School)
	Oct.17	First Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral exercises (MSDF, U.S. Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force)			Jan.31			Provisional government in Somalia, Ahmed elected as new president	Apr.01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of GSDF students)
	Nov.01	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law expires Order issued on termination of response measures based on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law			Feb.10			Order issued relating to the conclusion of withdrawal duties for the Iraq Reconstruction Support Group by the redeployment group	Apr.02	In Thailand, Thaksin supporters occupy the center of cities such as Bangkok. On April 10, they clash with Thai government security forces (through May 19)
	Nov.16	Council for MOD Reform established			Feb.17			Signing of the "Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam"	Apr.06	U.S. announces "Nuclear Posture Review" (NPR)
	Nov.21	The USS Kitty Hawk is denied docking in Hong Kong and returns to Yokosuka via the Taiwan Strait (through November 25)			Feb.17			U.S. President Obama decides to increase the number of troops dispatched to Afghanistan by approximately 17,000	Apr.12	1st Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C., through April 13)
	Nov.28	Chinese naval vessel visits Japan for the first time (through December 1)			Mar.06			U.S.-Russia Foreign Ministers' Meeting, agreement to "reset" bilateral relations (Geneva)	May.01	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to foot and mouth disease in Miyazaki Prefecture (through July 27)
	Dec.13	Russia seizes four Japanese fishing vessels off Kunashiri Island			Mar.13			Cabinet approval for Anti-Piracy Measures Law	May.19	Japan-Australia 2+2 (signing of Japan-Australia ACSA, Japan-Australia "2+2" Defense Ministers' Meeting (Kitazawa and Faulkner, Tokyo))
	Dec.18	Review of USFJ Local Employee Wages (Abolishment of USFJ Differential, etc.) Aegis vessel MSDF Kongo conducts a successful test on counter-missile by ballistic missile			Mar.13			SDF mobilization order issued for maritime security operations as part of anti-piracy measures off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden	May.26	Enactment of the "Act on the Preservation of the Law-Water Line and Development of Basic Infrastructure of Remote Islands for the Maintaining and Promoting Utilization of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf"
Dec.19	Front headquarters of 1st Corps headquarters of U.S. forces formed at USFJ Camp Zama in line with the USFJ realignment	Mar.17	First Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum		May.27	U.S. announces "National Security Strategy" (NSS)				
Dec.24	Cabinet decisions on "Improvement of next fixedwing aircraft," "Important issues among contents of Defense Capability Buildup in FY2008," "Changes of emergency response measures on destruction measures by ballistic missiles"	Mar.27	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued		May.28	Joint Statement of Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2")				
2008	Jan.16	Enactment of the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law (units depart for Indian Ocean on January 24, 25)	Apr.03		Foreign Minister Nakasone signs Status of Forces Agreement with Djibouti	Jun.08		Kan Cabinet established		
	Jan.25	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the Cost Sharing on the Stationing of U.S. forces in Japan signed	Apr.05		North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace	Jun.09		U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1929 regarding additional sanction on Iran		
	Feb.19	Collision between Aegis vessel MSDF and fishing boat	Apr.05		U.S. President Obama delivers speech in Prague	Jun.25		Conclusion of the "Japan-NATO Information Security Agreement"		
	Feb.20	U.S. Navy Aegis ship succeeds in shooting down out-of-control satellite outside the earth's atmosphere with an SM-3	Apr.06		SDF action order for termination of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued	Jun.28		Release of the U.S. "National Space Policy" (NSP)		
	Feb.21	Based on the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law, MSDF replenishment ships resume refueling U.S. ships in the Indian Ocean (through January 15, 2010)	Apr.11		Cancellation of ASEAN Summit due to invasion by protestors in Thailand. State of emergency declared in Bangkok on April 12	Jul.01		Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of SDF recruits)		
	Mar.14	Demonstration by Buddhist monks in the regional capital of Lhasa in the Tibet Autonomous Region, China	May.04		1st ARF Disaster Relief Training (Philippines)	Jul.13		Cabinet approves "Act on the Preservation of the Law-Water Line and Development of Basic Infrastructure of Remote Islands for the Maintaining and Promoting Utilization of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf"		
	Mar.18	Cabinet approval for the "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"	May.15		Order issued for P-3Cs to be dispatched to Djibouti international airport	Aug.01		Coming into effect of the Convention on Cluster Munitions		
	Mar.26	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (inc. reorganization of the SDF Command and Communication Unit)	May.19		"Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam" comes into force	Aug.31		Air transport activities by helicopter in aid of flood disaster in Pakistan (through October 10)		
	Apr.24	Announcement by U.S. Government that North Korea assisted with the construction by Syria of nuclear facilities destroyed in an air attack	May.25		North Korea conducts the underground nuclear test	Sep.07		Release of the "Future Direction of Procurement Reform" by the Comprehensive Procurement Reform Promotion Committee		
	May 12	M7.8 earthquake occurs in Sichuan Province, China	May.30		First Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministers' Meeting (Hamada, Gates, Lee, in Singapore)	Sep.07		Chinese fishing boat collides with Japan Coast Guard patrol vessel in waters near the Senkaku Islands		
	May 30	The Convention on Cluster Munitions is adopted at an international conference in Dublin	Jun.02		Basic Plan for Space Policy formulated	Sep.10	Cabinet approves dispatch of SDF officers as key military contact personnel (military observers) to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (dispatched on September 27)			
	Jun.24	First visit of MSDF vessel to China (through June 28)	Jun.11		Commencement of warning and surveillance flights in the Gulf of Aden by P-3Cs	Sep.17	Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet			
	Jun.26	Agreement reached between the Government of Japan and Government of China on the joint development of natural gas in the East China Sea	Jun.16		Provisional government of Somalia declares a state of emergency due to outbreak of fighting	Sep.28	North Korea holds conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and a Plenary Meeting of Central Committee; Kim Jong-un is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission			
	Jun.26	North Korea submits its nuclear program	Jul.04		North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan	Oct.01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (abolition of the lowest enlisted ranks)			
	Jun.07	G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit (through July 9)	Jul.14		Ratification of Convention on Cluster Munitions	Oct.12	1st ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM Plus) convenes (Hanoi)			
	Jul.12	Publication of the Press Communique of the Heads of Delegation Meeting of the Sixth Round of the Six-Party Talks	Jul.17		Announcement of Law Concerning the Prohibition of Manufacture of Cluster Munitions and Regulation of their Possession	Oct.19	The United Kingdom releases "Strategic Defence and Security Review" (SDSR)			
			Jul.24		Anti-Piracy Measures Law enacted, Order issued for anti-piracy operations	Nov.01	Russian President Medvedev visits the Kunashiri Island			
			Jul.28		The exterior of the body of oil tanker "M. STAR" damaged in an explosion at the Straits of Hormuz	Nov.19	NATO adopts New Strategic Concept			
			Jul.31	Completion of withdrawal of non-American multinational forces from Iraq	Nov.23	North Korea shells the ROK's Yeonpyeong island				
			Aug.01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (inc. establishment of the Defense Council and the Special Advisors to the Minister of Defense, and abolition of the Defense Councilors System)	Dec.07	Establishment of a governmental committee to review information security, as a result of the leakage of the video showing the fishing boat collision off the Senkaku Islands				
			Sep.16	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Kitazawa becomes Minister of Defense	Dec.17	Security Council and Cabinet approved the National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2011 and Beyond, and the Mid-term Defense Program (FY2011 to FY2015)				
			Sep.17	U.S. President Obama announces review of MD deployment in Europe						
			Sep.30	M7.6 earthquake occurs off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia	2011	Jan.11	China conducts test flight of fighter aircraft touted as the next-generation stealth aircraft			

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2011	Jan.14	U.N. Security Council chairman's statement concerning the conclusion of the UNMIN mandate is adopted	2012	Jan.13	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet; Tanaka becomes Minister of Defense	2013	Mar.15	SDF dispatch for the MINUSTAH mission ended (ceremony to return unit flag)
	Jan.14	Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet (second term)		Feb.10	Establishment of the Reconstruction Agency		Mar.22	Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement enters into force
	Jan.21	Signing of the new Special Measures Agreement in connection with cost-sharing arrangements on the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan (comes into effect on April 1)		Mar.16	Chinese government ship "Haijian" enters Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands		Mar.26	Partial enforcement (regarding shift of Air Rescue Wing's affiliation) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.
	Jan.28	Prime Minister Kan attends the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Davos meeting) (through January 30)		Mar.26	Transfer of ASDF Air Defense Command to Yokota Air Base		Mar.30	Four Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean
	Feb.04	The United States releases "National Security Space Strategy" (NSSS)		Mar.27	Prime Minister Noda attends the Nuclear Security Summit		Apr.02	North Korea announces that it will readjust and restart the graphite moderated reactor that was mothballed and disabled under an agreement reached at the Six-Party Talks in October, 2007
	Feb.05	New START comes into effect		Mar.30	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated April 13)		Apr.29	France releases "White Paper on Defence and National Security"
	Feb.08	The United States releases the "National Military Strategy"		Apr.10	Japan-U.K. summit meeting (Tokyo), Japan-U.K. joint statement is announced		May.07	Two Chinese vessels sail northeast of the Yonaguni Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Feb.12	Egyptian President Mubarak resigns		Apr.11	Kim Jong-un becomes North Korea's First Secretary of the Korean Workers' Party		May.27	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Feb.23	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in New Zealand (through March 3)		Apr.13	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"		Jun.17	Japan-Russia summit meeting
	Mar.11	Four pirates that had shot at Japanese vessels off the Oman Coast in the Arabian Sea were arrested under the Anti-Piracy Law		Apr.13	Kim Jong-un becomes the First Chairman of the National Defense Commission		Jun.18	Afghanistan starts final phase of transition of security responsibilities from the International Security Assistance Force
	Mar.11	Great East Japan Earthquake strikes		Apr.17	Ten-month extension of SDF dispatch to support the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (through February 28, 2013)		Jul.04	Japan-U.K. Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Arms and Military Technologies and Information Security Agreement signed
	Mar.11	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (through August 31)		Apr.27	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee "2+2" joint statement		Jul.05	China-Russia joint naval exercise. "Naval Interaction 2013" (through July 11)
	Mar.12	Nuclear disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (through December 26)		Apr.29	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean		Jul.13	Chinese naval fleets sail through Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk
	Mar.16	Cabinet decision regarding first disaster call-up of SDF reserve personnel and ready reserve personnel in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake		May.17	"Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement" signed		Jul.22	China Coast Guard sign put up
	Mar.16	Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch GSDF ready reserve personnel and reserve personnel (through August 31)		Jun.03	Exchange of memorandum regarding Japan-U.K. defense cooperation		Jul.24	Chinese early warning aircraft fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island
	Mar.17	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1973 allowing use of force against Libya		Jun.04	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (second term); Morimoto becomes Minister of Defense		Aug.21	Many civilians die in outskirts of Damascus, Syria due to use of chemical weapons
	Mar.19	The coalition force led by the U.S., U.K., and France commence military operations against Libya		Jun.28	Third working-level talks on maritime communication mechanisms between Japan and China's defense authorities (Beijing) (through June 29)		Aug.21	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr.05	U.S. President Obama gives speech in Prague		Jul.01	26 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait (through July 2)		Aug.22	Russian bombers intrude into Japan's airspace
	Apr.11	Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake established		Jul.03	PSI Air Interdiction Exercise hosted by Japan (Hokkaido, through July 5)		Aug.27	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr.14	First BRICS (five emerging economies) summit is held		Jul.11	Three vessels of Chinese Fishery Law Enforcement Command (FLEC) enter Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands		Aug.29	2nd ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM Plus) (Bandar Seri Begawan)
	Apr.15	Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch MSDF and ASDF reserve personnel (through August 31)		Jul.12	One FLEC vessel enters Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands		Aug.30	"Direction of the MOD Reform" released
	Apr.27	Partial revision to the Environmental Improvement Law (extended target projects for subsidies to improve the environment surrounding specified defense facilities)		Jul.12	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Law for Establishment of Cabinet Office		Sep.01	Council on Security and Defense Capabilities holds first meeting
	May.02	U.S. President Obama announces the killing of Osama bin Laden, leader of the international terrorist organization Al-Qaeda		Aug.10	South Korean President Lee Myung-bak visits Takeshima		Sep.05	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (St. Petersburg)
	Jun.01	SDF activity base in Djibouti initiates operation		Aug.19	UNSMIS ended		Sep.08	Chinese bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island
	Jun.21	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2" in Washington, D.C.) joint statement; release of "Toward a Deeper and Broader Japan-U.S. Alliance: Building on 50 years of Partnership"		Sep.07	"Toward Stable and Effective Use of Cyberspace by the MOD/JSDF" is released		Sep.09	Unmanned aircraft (presumed) of unidentified nationality flies over the East China Sea
	Jun.22	U.S. President Obama announces guidelines to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan		Sep.11	Government's purchase of the three Senkaku Islands		Sep.10	1st meeting of MOD/SDF Special Action Committee on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games held
	Jun.24	Exercise of the Basic Act on Reconstruction		Sep.23	SDF dispatch to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) ended		Sep.27	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2118 on elimination of Syrian chemical weapons
	Jun.28	First meeting of the headquarters for reconstruction measures		Sep.25	The first Chinese aircraft carrier "Liaoning" commissioned		Oct.03	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2", Tokyo)
	Jul.08	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1996 to establish UNMISS		Oct.01	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (third term)		Oct.03	Signing of the "Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam"
	Jul.09	Independence of the Republic of South Sudan		Oct.16	Seven Chinese warships pass through the waters between the Yonaguni Island and the Nakonokami Island for the first time		Oct.16	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon No. 26 (through November 8)
	Jul.11	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1997 to terminate UNMIS		Nov.15	Xi Jinping elected as General Secretary of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the Central Military Commission at the first plenary session of the 18th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China		Oct.23	Five Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Jul.14	U.S. DoD releases "Department of Defense Strategy for Operating in Cyberspace"		Nov.26	Promulgation of partial enforcement (regarding Japan-U.S. ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.		Oct.25	Chinese early warning aircraft and bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island (through October 27) (three consecutive days)
	Aug.10	Conducts its first navigation Chinese aircraft carrier Varyag		Dec.04	Launch of capacity building program in East Timor		Oct.30	Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean
	Aug.24	The Chinese fisheries patrol ships enter Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands		Dec.07	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated December 12)		Nov.02	First Japan-Russia "2+2" (Tokyo)
	Sep.02	Noda Cabinet established; Ichikawa becomes Minister of Defense		Dec.12	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"		Nov.08	Typhoon No. 30 Haiyan hit Leyte Island, Philippines
	Sep.09	24 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait		Dec.13	A Chinese aircraft violates Japanese airspace for the first time (airspace surrounding the Senkaku Islands)		Nov.12	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to typhoon disaster in the Philippines (through December 18)
Sep.19	Detection of cyber attacks against defense industry	Dec.26	Inauguration of second Abe Cabinet; Onodera becomes Minister of Defense	Nov.15	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) decides on detailed terms of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, etc.			
Sep.27	Japan-Philippines Summit (Tokyo), Japan-Philippines joint statement made	Dec.31	UNMIT ends	Nov.22	Revisions of the Self-Defense Forces Act (e.g., expanded category of people who may be transported by the JSDF, in the event of disasters, insurgencies, and other emergencies overseas) promulgated and entered into force			
Sep.29	Chinese space laboratory "Tiangong 1" launched	2013	Jan.11	France's military intervention in Mali	Nov.23	China announces establishment of the "East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone"		
Sep.30	Cabinet decision on "Promotion of the operational Quasi-Zenith Satellite System project" and "Promoting development and utilization of aerospace"	Jan.16	Abduction of Japanese nationals in Algeria	Nov.24	Iran and EU3 (U.K., France, Germany) +3 (U.S., China, Russia) reach first phase agreement for the comprehensive settlement of the nuclear issue			
Oct.10	ATR to Guam as part of the U.S. Forces realignment (through October 28)	Jan.16	Japan-Vietnam summit meeting (Hanoi)	Dec.04	National Security Council established			
Oct.14	Decision made on next transport plane (C-130R) replacing MSDF's YS-11	Jan.17	Japan-Thailand summit meeting (Bangkok)	Dec.05	French forces launch military intervention in the Central African Republic			
Oct.24	Conclusion of the "Japan-France Information Security Agreement"	Jan.18	Japan-Indonesia summit meeting (Jakarta)	Dec.08	The ROK announces establishment of new Air Defense Identification Zone			
Oct.31	NATO ends operations in Libya	Jan.19	A Chinese naval vessel may direct fire-control radar at a helicopter based on a JMSDF destroyer	Dec.13	ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit (Tokyo) (through December 15)			
Nov.11	U.S.-Philippines sign "Manila Declaration"	Jan.20	SDF dispatch to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	Dec.13	Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets promulgated			
Nov.12	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Honolulu)	Jan.20	As a measure for the Transportation of Japanese Nationals Overseas (TJNO) prescribed in the Self-Defense Forces Act, SDF transports Japanese victims of the Algerian hostage crisis from Algeria to Japan (return home on January 24)	Dec.13	North Korea announces execution (December 12) of Vice-Chairman of the National Defense Commission Jang Song-thaek			
Nov.15	Cabinet decision made on dispatch of SDF personnel as headquarters staff for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) (departing Japan on November 28)	Jan.23	Australia announces the National Security Strategy	Dec.15	Chinese lunar probe successfully achieves soft lunar landing			
Nov.22	Six Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	Jan.25	Security Council and Cabinet approve the document on the building up of defense capability for FY2013	Dec.15	Confrontations occur between forces aligned with the president and forces aligned with the former vice president Japan-Cambodia summit meeting (Tokyo). Memorandum on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges signed.			
Dec.18	Completion of U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq	Jan.27	China announces that it has performed missile interception test	Dec.17	National Security Council and Cabinet approve "National Security Strategy," "National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2014 and beyond," and "Medium Term Defense Program (FY2014-FY2018)"			
Dec.19	North Korea announces the death of Chairman of the National Defense Commission Kim Jong-il (December 17)	Jan.30	A Chinese vessel directs fire-control radar at a JMSDF destroyer in the East China Sea	Dec.23	Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean			
Dec.20	Decision made by the Security Council and seconded by the Cabinet regarding "acquisition of the next-generation fighter aircraft"	Jan.31	Three Chinese vessels sail northeast of Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean	Dec.23	Second Russian Borey-class SSBN commissioned (incorporated into Pacific Fleet)			
Dec.20	F-35A decided to be the next-generation fighter aircraft	Jan.31	Japan-Australia ACSA enters into force	Dec.27	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture approves application for public water reclamation for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project			
Dec.20	Decision made by the Cabinet on dispatching engineer units, etc. for United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (deployed from on January 11, 2012)	Jan.31	Partial enforcement (regarding Japan-Australia ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.					
Dec.27	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on Guidelines for Overseas Transfer of Defense Equipment etc.	Feb.01	Partial enforcement (regarding pilot allowance) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.					
Dec.28	Environmental impact statement for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture (through January 6, 2012)	Feb.07	Russian fighters intrude into Japan's airspace					
Dec.31	Third supplementary budget approved Japan-India Summit (Delhi), Joint statement on strengthening "Japan-India strategic global partnership" signed	Feb.12	North Korea's underground nuclear test					
		Feb.15	First meeting of a panel of experts on the establishment of a Japanese National Security Council (NSC)					
		Feb.20	Naha District Court renders judgment on Henoko environmental assessment case					
		Feb.23	Meeting between U.S. President Obama and Prime Minister Abe					
2012	Jan.05	U.S. announces the defense strategic guidance	Mar.01	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on participation of Japan's industries in the production of the F-35A				
	Jan.11	Advance party for UNMISS departs Japan						

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2014	Jan.06 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (New Delhi)	Jan.01 Japan-U.K. Information Security Agreement enters into force	Jan.28 U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2134 approving deployment of EU units to Central Africa
	Jan.09 First Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (Paris)	Jan.07 National Security Secretariat launched	Feb.11 First ministerial consultation between China and Taiwan
	Jan.15 Collision accident between transport vessel and fishing vessel	Feb.14 Council for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of MCAS Futenma on Okinawa established	Mar.01 Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Jan.22 Committee for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of Bases on Okinawa established	Mar.18 Japan-Vietnam summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar.03 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Feb.15 Disaster relief teams dispatched after heavy snowfall disaster (through February 23)	Mar.24 Prime Minister Abe attends Nuclear Security Summit	Mar.04 The United States releases QDR, releases FY2014 budget proposal
	Mar.11 Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the missing Malaysian Airplane (through April 28)	Mar.25 Japan-U.S.-ROK summit meeting	Mar.09 China's Y-8 intelligence gathering aircraft and H-6 bomber fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island
	Mar.19 A submarine seen navigating underwater in Japan's contiguous zone (waters east of Miyako Island)	Apr.01 Cabinet decision on "Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology"	Mar.18 Russian "annexation" of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea
	Apr.01 Partial enforcement (establishment of Faculty of Nursing at National Defense Medical College) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Apr.07 Japan-Australia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar.24 3rd Nuclear Security Summit (Hague, through March 25)
	Apr.06 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Apr.24 Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar.26 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Apr.14 Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the bird flu outbreak in Kumamoto Prefecture (through April 16)	May 14 "Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam" comes into force	Apr.10 U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2149 approving PKO deployment to Central Africa
	Apr.17 Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 15 The Advisory Panel on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security submits its report	Apr.12 Separatist armed groups occupy government buildings in Eastern Ukraine
	Apr.28 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Perth)	Jul.01 Cabinet decision on "Development of Seamless Security Legislation to Ensure Japan's Survival and Protect its People"	Apr.13 Russian aircraft fly near Japanese airspace for seven consecutive days (through April 19)
	Apr.29 Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Kuala Lumpur)	Jul.01 Japan-Macedonia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Apr.28 U.S. and Philippines sign Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement. (EDCA)
	May 07 Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting (Rome)	Jul.07 Japan-New Zealand summit meeting (Auckland)	May 02 Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	May 08 Japan-South Sudan Defense Ministerial Meeting (Juba)	Jul.08 Japan-Australia summit meeting (Canberra)	May 07 Collision and confrontation between Chinese and Vietnamese vessels occur
	May 09 Japan-Djibouti Defense Ministerial Meeting (Djibouti)	Jul.10 Japan-Papua New Guinea summit meeting (Port Moresby)	May 10 24th ASEAN Summit (through May 11)
	May 31 Prime Minister Abe and Defense Minister Onodera attend 13th Asia Security Summit (held by IISS) (Singapore)	Jul.22 Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo)	May 19 U.S. Department of Justice indicts Chinese PLA officers and others for conducting cyber attacks
	May 31 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jul.25 Japan-Mexico summit meeting (Mexico City)	May 20 China-Russia joint maritime military exercise "Naval Interaction 2014" (East China Sea) (through May 26)
	May 31 Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministers' Meeting and Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting (Singapore)	Jul.29 Japan-Colombia summit meeting (Bogota)	May 24 Chinese Su-27 fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft
	Jun.11 Japan-Australia "2+2" (Tokyo)	Jul.31 Japan-Chile summit meeting (Santiago)	May 27 U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2155 that extends UNMISS mandate and limits it to four areas including civilian protection, etc.
	Jun.11 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug.01 Japan-Brazil summit meeting (Brasilia)	Jun.07 Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Jun.19 Strategy on Defense Production and Technological Bases released	Sep.01 Japan-India summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.10 ISIL seizes Mosul
	Jun.21 Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (response to early retirement system)	Sep.03 Inauguration of the second Abe Cabinet	Jun.11 Chinese Su-27 fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft
	Jul.08 Japan-Australia Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed	Sep.06 Japan-Bangladesh summit meeting (Dhaka)	Jun.29 ISIL declares establishment of "Islamic State" and caliphate
	Jul.11 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Sep.07 Japan-Sri Lanka summit meeting (Colombo)	Jun.29 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Jul.25 Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs)	Sep.26 Prime Minister Abe attends U.N. Summit Meeting on UN Peacekeeping Operations (New York)	Jul.8 Israel Defense Forces start Operation Protective Edge against Gaza
	Jul.29 Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct.03 Cabinet decision on "Establishment of the Headquarters for Creating a Society where All Women Shine"	Jul.09 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Jul.29 Japan-France declaration of intent on defense cooperation and exchanges is signed	Oct.16 10th ASEM Summit (Milan, Italy, through October 17)	Jul.13 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Aug.01 Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (quota for SDF personnel posts of Internal Bureau, establishment of Air Tactics Development & Training Wing, etc.)	Oct.24 Japan-Georgia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul.14 Russia-India joint naval exercise (Indra-2014) (through July 19)
	Aug.06 Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall in Yamaguchi Prefecture (through August 8)	Nov.12 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Beijing, China, through November 11)	Jul.17 Malaysian airliner is shot down (Ukraine)
	Aug.10 Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Kochi Prefecture (through August 14)	Nov.16 Candidate Onaga defeats incumbent Governor Nakaima in Okinawa gubernatorial election	Jul.17 Israel Defense Forces begin ground invasion of Gaza
	Aug.17 Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Fukuchiyama City, Kyoto Prefecture	Nov.20 Japan-Jordan summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul.26 North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Aug.17 Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Tamba City, Hyogo Prefecture	Dec.10 Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets enters into force	Aug.08 WHO issues declaration of state of emergency over Ebola virus disease
	Aug.20 Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture (through September 11)	Dec.17 Japan-Palau summit meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 8 U.S. Central Command begins airstrikes on ISIL in Northern Iraq
	Sep.03 Eto becomes Minister of Defense	Dec.24 Inauguration of the third Abe Cabinet	Aug.12 Russian Armed Forces conduct exercises in the Northern Territories and Chishima Islands
	Sep.11 Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Ebetsu City, Hokkaido (through September 13)	Dec.26 Deployment of U.S. Forces TPY-2 ("X-band radar") to Kyogamisaki is completed	Aug.19 Chinese J-11 fighter jets fly abnormally close to U.S. Forces' patrol aircraft
	Sep.27 Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of Mt. Ontake (through October 16)		Aug.26 Israel and Hamas agree on ceasefire
	Oct.16 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)		Sep.04 NATO Wales Summit (through September 5)
	Oct.26 Air Review commemorating the 60th anniversary of the MOD/SDF		Sep.05 Minsk agreement (ceasefire in Ukraine, etc.)
	Oct.28 Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)		Sep.08 Iraq's new Cabinet is formed
	Nov.04 Japan-Spain Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)		Sep.10 U.S. President Obama announces strategy to counter ISIL
	Nov.04 Memorandum on Japan-Spain Defense Cooperation and Exchanges is signed		Sep.18 U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2177 on Ebola virus disease countermeasures; UNMEER's establishment is announced
	Nov.06 Japan-U.S.-Australia joint exercise (Michinoku ALERT 2014) (through November 9)		Sep.19 Russia begins large-scale exercise "Vostok 2014" (through September 25)
	Nov.19 First Japan-ASEAN Defense Ministers' Informal Meeting (Bagan)		Sep.20 Ukrainian government and separatist armed groups reach ceasefire agreement
	Nov.21 "Global Hawk" is decided as the model of unmanned aerial vehicle		Sep.22 The United States and other coalition countries begin airstrikes on ISIL in Syria
	Nov.23 Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to an earthquake with an epicenter in northern Nagano Prefecture		Sep.29 Afghanistan's new government is launched
	Nov.28 Transport of supplies necessary for Japan Disaster Relief operations in response to the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa (Republic of Ghana, through December 11)		Sep.30 U.S.-Afghanistan bilateral security agreement and NATO-Afghanistan states of force agreement are signed
Dec.01 SDF personnel dispatched to NATO for the first time		Oct.03 Flight of China's Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft in the East China Sea is confirmed for the first time	
Dec.06 Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy snowfall in Tokushima Prefecture (through December 11)		Oct.5 Shelling between India and Pakistan in Kashmir	
Dec.19 Joint Statement of the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2)		Oct.22 Shooting incident at Canada's Parliament	
Dec.24 Nakatani becomes Minister of Defense		Nov.12 U.S.-China summit meeting	
Dec.31 Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to disappearance of AirAsia plane (through January 11)		Nov.13 East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Summit	
		Nov.15 G20 Summit (through November 16)	
		Nov.24 ROK Armed Forces conduct military drill in waters near Takeshima	
		Dec.01 Russia establishes the Northern Joint Strategic Command	
		Dec.01 Over 60 countries attend Counter-ISIL Coalition Ministerial Meeting (Brussels)	
		Dec.04 Five Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean	
		Dec.4 Chinese People's Liberation Army begins exercise in Western Pacific. Subsequently, some vessels transit Soya Strait (December 24) and Tsushima Strait (December 27) and circle Japan	
		Dec.06 China's Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft, Y-8 early warning aircraft, and H-6 bomber fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island (December 7, 10, and 11)	
		Dec.24 Arms Trade Treaty comes into effect	
		Dec.31 ISAF's combat mission in Afghanistan ends	
2015	Jan.12 Fourth Joint Working Group meeting on the "Maritime and Air Communication Mechanism" between Japanese and Chinese defense authorities (Tokyo)	Jan.16 Japan-Egypt summit meeting (Cairo)	Jan.01 NATO begins "Resolute Support Mission"
	Jan.15 Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the bird flu outbreak in Okayama Prefecture (through January 19)	Jan.17 Japan-Jordan summit meeting (Amman)	Jan.07 Shooting incident against a publisher (Charlie Hebdo), etc. in Paris
	Jan.18 Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the bird flu outbreak in Saga Prefecture (through January 20)	Jan.18 Japan-Israel summit meeting (Jerusalem, through January 19)	Jan.20 ISIL releases video of Japanese hostages (videos of the murder of the Japanese nationals subsequently released on January 24 and February 1) President Obama delivers States of the Union address
	Jan.18 Defense Minister Nakatani visits Djibouti	Feb.09 Japan-Thailand summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jan.29 African Union decides to establish a Multinational Joint Task Force against Boko Haram
	Jan.19 Defense Minister Nakatani visits South Sudan	Feb.10 Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.02 U.S. President Obama presents his budget for FY2016
	Jan.21 First Japan-U.K. Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (London)	Feb.20 Japan-Qatar summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.06 The United States releases "National Security Strategy" (NSS)
		Feb.27 Japan-Poland summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.12 Minsk agreement II (German, French, Russian, and Ukrainian leaders agree on new ceasefire agreement)
		Mar.06 Japan-Laos summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.13 Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
		Mar.09 Japan-Germany summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.14 China's Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island (February 15)
		Mar.20 The Ruling Coalition on the Development of Security Legislation presents "Concrete Vision for the Development of Security Legislation"	Feb.26 Saudi Arabia begins airstrikes on Houthis in Yemen

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Jan.29	Memorandum on Japan-Philippines Defense Cooperation and Exchanges is signed	Mar.23 Japan-Indonesia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar.02 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Feb.02	Disaster relief teams dispatched to help remove snow to eliminate isolated areas as a result of the severe snowstorm in Rausu Town, Hokkaido (through February 3)	Mar.24 Japan-New Zealand summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar.05 China announces FY2015 defense budget
Feb.08	Inaugural airborne exercise under Japan-U.S. joint exercise (North Wind 2 through February 22)	Mar.27 Japan-Portugal summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar.07 Nigeria's Boko Haram pledges loyalty to ISIL (ISIL accepts on March 12)
Feb.20	Memorandum on Japan-Qatar Defense Exchange is signed	Apr.28 Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Mar.18 An armed group attacks Bardo Museum in Tunisia (three Japanese nationals killed)
Mar.13	Second Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	May 13 Japan-Belgium summit meeting (Tokyo)	Apr.01 The Rome Statue entered into force for Palestine
Mar.13	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 14 Cabinet decision on "Bill for the Development of Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Bill"	Apr.02 EU3+3 and Iran agree on "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action"
Mar.13	Japan-France Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed	May 14 Cabinet decisions on "Responses to Foreign Naval Vessels Carrying Out Navigation through the Territorial Sea or the Internal Waters of Japan that Does Not Fall Under Innocent Passage in International Law," "The Government's Responses to Illegal Landing on a Remote Island or its Surrounding Seas by an Armed Group," and "Responses to Acts of Infringement When Self-Defense Force Ships or Aircraft Detect Foreign Ships Committing Said Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"	Apr.23 U.S. DoD releases "The DoD Cyber Strategy"
Mar.14	Japan-Colombia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 20 Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Apr.26 ASEAN Summit (Kuala Lumpur) (through April 27)
Mar.19	Japan-China Security Dialogue (Tokyo)	May 25 Japan-Malaysia summit meeting (Tokyo)	May 08 U.S. DoD releases "Annual Report to Congress: Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China"
Mar.20	Japan-Timor Leste Defense Ministerial Meeting	May 29 Japan-EU Summit (Tokyo)	May 09 Russia holds parade commemorating capitulation of Nazi Germany and showcases new Armata tank model
Mar.23	Memorandum on Japan-Indonesia Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defense is signed	Jun.04 Japan-Philippines summit meeting (Tokyo)	May 09 North Korea announces SLBM launch test was conducted successfully
Mar.30	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.07 Japan-France summit meeting (Germany)	May 11 China-Russia naval combined exercise Joint Sea 2015 (I) is held (Mediterranean Sea) (through May 21)
Apr.08	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.07 Japan-Germany summit meeting (Germany)	May 21 Two Chinese H-6 bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean (Air Force spokesperson announces first flight by Chinese Air Force aircraft in this airspace)
Apr.14	Japan-ROK Security Dialogue (Seoul)	Jun.08 Japan-U.K. summit meeting (Germany)	May 25 Signing of India-Vietnam Joint Vision Statement on Defense Cooperation (Vietnamese Minister of National Defence visits India)
Apr.21	National Defense Medical College instructor dispatched to support WHO's epidemiological studies on the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa, etc. (through May 29)	Jun.11 Naha District Court's Okinawa Branch renders judgment in 3rd Futenma Air Station noise suit	May 26 China releases defense white paper, "China's Military Strategy"
Apr.27	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to earthquake in Nepal (through May 22)	Jul.07 Japan-France summit meeting (Germany)	Jun.01 Signing of U.S.-Vietnam Joint Vision Statement on Defense Relations (U.S. Secretary of Defense visits Vietnam)
Apr.27	The new "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation" is approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting ("2+2," New York)	Jul.08 Japan-U.K. summit meeting (Germany)	Jun.03 Signing of Framework for the India-U.S. Defense Relationship (U.S. Secretary of Defense visits India)
Apr.28	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jul.11 Naha District Court's Okinawa Branch renders judgment in 4th Atsugi Air Facility noise suit	Jun.12 Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
Apr.30	Promulgation and enforcement of the Special Measures Act on the Number of Years of the National Subsidization of Specific Defense Procurements (so-called "Long-term Contract Act")	Aug.03 Japan-Italy summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul.01 U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dempsey releases National Military Strategy
May 18	Japan-China Defense Director-General-level Consultations (Tokyo)	Sep.15 Japan-Vietnam summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul.07 Signing of U.S.-Vietnam Joint Vision Statement (General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party pays first visit to the United States)
May 29	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption at Kuchinoerabu Island (through June 1)	Sep.19 Legislation for Peace and Security ("Bill for the Development of Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Bill") is passed in the House of Councilors plenary session (through September 29)	Jul.07 Oral arguments in the South China Sea arbitral tribunal proceedings instituted by the Philippines (The Hague) (through July 13)
May 30	Defense Minister Nakatani attends 14th Asia Security Summit (held by IJSS) (Singapore) (through May 31)	Sep.26 Prime Minister Abe visits the United States (through September 29)	Jul.18 Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
May 30	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Sep.27 Japan-Qatar summit meeting (New York)	Jul.29 China's Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft, Y-8 early warning aircraft, and two H-6 bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island towards the Pacific Ocean (July 30)
May 30	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministers' Meeting and Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting (Singapore)	Sep.27 Japan-Iran summit meeting (New York)	Aug.01 Russia creates Aerospace Force by merging the Air Force and Aerospace Defense Forces
May 31	Pacific Partnership 2015 (through August 14)	Sep.28 Japan-Russia summit meeting (New York)	Aug.04 Landmines explode in the ROK's area of the DMZ, injuring two ROK Force personnel
May 31	Dispatched MSDF personnel as commander of Combined Task Force (CTF 151) for counter-piracy operations (through August 27)	Sep.28 Japan-Ukraine summit meeting (New York)	Aug.05 France and Russia agree to annual agreement on France's delivery of two Mistral-class amphibious assault ships
Jun.03	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep.28 Japan-Bangladesh summit meeting (New York)	Aug.17 Seven Chinese vessels sail Tsushima Strait northward. Subsequently, China-Russia naval combined exercise, Joint Sea 2015 (II), is held (Sea of Japan) (August 20-28). Following the exercise, five vessels sail Soya Strait eastward (August 29), sail in the high seas in the Bering Sea (statement by U.S. DoD official, September 2), and enter into U.S. territorial waters near the Aleutian Islands (statement by U.S. DoD official, September 4).
Jun.07	Joint disaster response exercise with U.S. Forces (TREP)	Sep.28 Japan-Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (New York)	Aug.17 Bombing in Thailand (Bangkok) (20 people are killed)
Jun.19	Fifth Joint Working Group negotiation meeting on the "Maritime and Air Communication Mechanism" between Japan-China Defense Authorities (Beijing)	Oct.05 Japan-France summit meeting (Tokyo)	Aug.20 Shelling incident occurs between North Korea and the ROK
Jun.29	SDF Joint Exercise for Rescue (through July 3)	Oct.06 Japan-Sri Lanka summit meeting (Tokyo)	Aug.20 U.S. DoD submits Asia-Pacific Maritime Security Strategy to Congress
Jul.03	Disaster relief teams dispatched to support search of missing persons in Mt. Ontake (through August 7)	Oct.07 Inauguration of the third reshuffled Abe Cabinet	Aug.22 Prime Minister Medvedev visits Etorofu Island
Aug.18	Combined exercise in the United States (Dawn Blitz 2015) (through September 9)	Oct.08 Japan-Turkey summit meeting (Tokyo)	Aug.25 Agreement on inter-Korean joint press statement (August 25 agreement)
Sep.01	Exercise for medical activities in the aftermath of large-scale earthquakes	Oct.15 Yamaguchi District Court's Iwakuni Branch renders judgment in 1st Iwakuni Air Base noise suit	Aug.26 Signing of agreement on the resolution of the conflict in South Sudan
Sep.10	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rain in Kanto and Tohoku in September 2015 (through September 19)	Oct.27 Cabinet verbal understanding regarding "Revocation of reclamation approval based on the Act on Reclamation of Publicly-owned Water Surface pertaining to the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project"	Sep.03 China holds commemorative event for the 70th anniversary of the victories against Japanese aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. In an address, President Xi Jinping announces reduction in troop strength by 300,000.
Sep.29	Japan-U.S. Agreement on Environmental Stewardship Cooperation Supplementary to Status of Forces Agreement is signed	Oct.28 Written notice regarding start of construction work related to Futenma Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture	Sep.15 Turnbull sworn in as Australian Prime Minister
Oct.01	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (unification of actual unit operations into Joint Staff, establishment of Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency, etc.)	Nov.01 Japan-China summit meeting (Seoul)	Sep.15 Presumed Russian aircraft intrudes into Japanese territorial airspace over the coast of the Nemuro Peninsula
Oct.01	Technical Research and Development Institute and Equipment Procurement and Construction Office are abolished; Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency is established	Nov.02 Japan-ROK summit meeting (Seoul)	Sep.25 U.S.-China summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)
Oct.18	FY2015 SDF Fleet Review	Nov.10 Japan-Netherlands summit meeting (Tokyo)	Sep.30 Russia's second Borey-class SSBN Alexander Nevsky arrives in Kamchatka
Oct.20	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Seoul)	Nov.13 Japan-Turkey summit meeting (Istanbul)	Sep.30 Russia begins airstrikes on ISIL forces, etc. in Syrian territory
Oct.23	SDF Joint Exercise (Field Training Exercise) (through November 23)	Nov.15 Japan-Australia summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Oct.02 The leaders of Russia, France, Germany, and Ukraine agree to postpone local elections in pro-Russian regions (eastern Ukraine)
Nov.03	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Malaysia)	Nov.15 Japan-EU summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Oct.03 Shooting attack in Bangladesh (one Japanese national is killed; ISIL Bangladesh claims responsibility for the attack in a statement)
Nov.03	3rd ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM Plus) (Kuala Lumpur) (through November 4)	Nov.15 Japan-U.K. summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Oct.10 North Korea holds commemorative event of the 70th anniversary of the Korean Workers' Party (KWP)
Nov.04	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Kuala Lumpur)	Nov.15 Japan-Russia summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Oct.10 Suicide bombings at a protest staged by supporters of a Kurdish political party in Ankara, the capital of Turkey
Nov.06	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Vietnam)	Nov.16 Japan-Germany summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Oct.26 U.S. naval destroyer USS Lassen sails within 12 nautical miles of Subi Reef, Spratly Islands in the South China Sea and conducts Freedom of Navigation Operation
Nov.12	Japan-Georgia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov.16 Japan-Saudi Arabia summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Oct.26 U.S.-Indonesia joint statement (Indonesian President visits the United States; includes maritime cooperation in defense field, etc.)
Nov.22	Japan-Australia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations (Sydney)	Nov.26 Suit is instituted for "Case regarding retraction order request for revocation of the landfill permit based on provisions of Article 246-8, Paragraph 3 of the Local Autonomy Act" ("administrative suit")	Oct.29 The tribunal rules that it has jurisdiction with respect to some of the matters in the South China Sea arbitral tribunal proceedings instituted by the Philippines (The Hague)
Dec.04	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sydney)	Dec.04 Japan-U.S. Joint Press Release "Implementation of Bilateral Plans for Consolidating Facilities and Areas in Okinawa"	Oct.31 A Russian jetliner crashes in the Sinai Peninsula, killing all passengers and crewmembers. ISIL's Sinai Province claims responsibility for the incident.
Dec.04	Japan-Czech Republic Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Dec.12 Japan-India summit meeting (New Delhi)	Nov.03 ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM Plus) (Kuala Lumpur) (through November 4)
Dec.12	Japan-India Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed (New Delhi)	Dec.18 Japan-India summit meeting (New Delhi)	Nov.05 U.S. Secretary of Defense and the Malaysian Minister of Defence board U.S. aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt in the South China Sea
Dec.17	Japan-Indonesia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Dec.18 Japan-Australia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Nov.07 China and Taiwan hold first summit meeting since their split
			Nov.08 Myanmar general election (opposition party NLD wins majority)
			Nov.11 A Chinese Navy Dongfiao-class AGI repeatedly conducts east-west passages near the contiguous zone south of the Senkaku Islands (through November 12)
			Nov.13 Terror attacks in Paris, France. ISIL France claims responsibility for the attacks in a statement.
			Nov.15 G20 Antalya Summit (Antalya, Turkey) (through November 16)
			Nov.18 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Manila) (through November 19)
			Nov.22 East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Summit (November 21-22)
			Nov.23 The United Kingdom releases "National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015" (NSS-SDSR 2015)
			Nov.24 Oral arguments in the South China Sea arbitral tribunal proceedings instituted by the Philippines (The Hague) (through November 30)
			Nov.24 CMC Reform Work Conference is held, and President Xi Jinping delivers address on the direction of military reforms (through November 26)
			Nov.24 Turkish Armed Forces shoots down Russian Armed Forces aircraft saying it violated Turkish airspace
			Nov.27 China's four H-6 bombers, a Tu-154 intelligence gathering aircraft, and a Y-8 intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean (Air Force spokesperson announces flight by PLA Air Force aircraft). At around the same time, four H-6 bombers and a Y-8 early warning aircraft conduct operations near the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island.
			Nov.28 Two FA-50 light fighters the Philippines purchased from the ROK arrive at Clark Air Base
			Dec.02 Shooting terror attack in California, United States
			Dec.07 Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
			Dec.07 U.S. P-8 aircraft are deployed to Singapore (through December 14)
			Dec.08 U.S.-Singapore Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement is signed (Minister for Defence Ng visits United States)
			Dec.13 Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
			Dec.16 The United States decides to sell weapons including two missile frigates to Taiwan and notifies Congress
			Dec.21 Russian bombers conduct flight along the perimeter of Japan

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					Dec.23	A Chinese Navy Dongdao-class AGI repeatedly conducts northeast-southwest passages near the contiguous zone southeast of the Boso Peninsula (through December 26)
					Dec.24	Russia-India joint statement (includes cooperation on military technology, joint development of military equipment, etc.)
					Dec.26	A China Coast Guard vessel carrying weapons that appear to be cannons intrudes into Japanese territorial waters surrounding the Senkaku Islands for the first time
					Dec.30	The leaders of Russia, France, Germany, and Ukraine agree to extend ceasefire agreement in eastern Ukraine that was set to expire in end of 2015
					Dec.31	China announces its first domestic aircraft carrier is being built in Dalian, Liaoning Province
					Dec.31	China establishes PLA Army Headquarters, Rocket Force, and Strategic Support Force
					Dec.31	ASEAN Community inaugurated (Political-Security, Economic, and Socio-Cultural)
					Dec.31	Russia revises National Security Strategy
2016	Jan.06	Special survey of radioactivity related to North Korea's nuclear test (through January 15)	Jan.04	Convocation of the 190th Ordinary Diet Session	Jan.02	China conducts aircraft test flights to Fiery Cross Reef (January 3 and 6)
	Jan.08	Japan-U.K. Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan.22	Cabinet decision on 5th Science and Technology Basic Plan	Jan.06	North Korea conducts fourth nuclear test which it called a "hydrogen bomb test"
	Jan.08	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference	Jan.22	The New Special Measures Agreement (SMA) between Japan and the United States is signed	Jan.10	U.S. Force B-52 bomber conducts low-level flight near Osan Air Base in the ROK
	Jan.09	1st escort flotilla U.S. deployment exercise in FY2015 (Guam direction) (through January 30)	Jan.27	Private company conducts test flight of Zero fighter from MSDF Kanoya Air Base	Jan.11	Chinese Ministry of National Defense announces organizational realignment of the Central Military Commission (dismantlement of four general departments, CMC's introduction of multiple section system)
	Jan.12	Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise (command post exercise) (through February 2)	Feb.02	Judgment is rendered on appeal suit requesting termination of the monitoring activities of the Appeal Intelligence Security Command	Jan.12	U.S. President Obama delivers State of the Union address
	Jan.19	MOD/SDF participate in multinational exercise Cobra Gold 2016 (through February 19)	Feb.19	Decision is rendered on the immediate appeal against decision to dismiss petition against order of provisional disposition to suspend construction of SDF camp in Yonaguni Island	Jan.14	U.S.-Philippines Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Washington, D.C.)
	Jan.25	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports due to heavy snowfall, etc. (through February 1)	Feb.29	Japan-Egypt summit meeting	Jan.14	Terror attacks occur in Jakarta, Indonesia. ISIL Indonesia claims responsibility for the attacks in a statement.
	Jan.27	"X-2" is established as the Advanced Technology Demonstrator model	Mar.04	The government announces it would accept the court's settlement recommendation in the "Case regarding retraction order request for revocation of the landfill permit based on provisions of Article 246-8, Paragraph 3 of the Local Autonomy Act" ("administrative suit") and suspends landfill work	Jan.16	Legislative Yuan and presidential elections are held in Taiwan, confirming change in government to the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for the first time in eight years.
	Jan.31	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of 9th Air Wing)	Mar.16	Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism issues correction instruction to Okinawa Prefecture for revocation of the landfill permit	Jan.16	Western countries lift sanctions against Iran related to its nuclear development program
	Feb.03	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued	Mar.19	Agreement Between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Security of Information is signed	Jan.20	Shooting terror attacks occur at a university in Pakistan
	Feb.07	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference	Mar.23	Okinawa Prefecture applies for a review by the Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council regarding the correction instruction issued by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism	Jan.21	The United States begins airstrikes on ISIL in Afghanistan
	Feb.08	SDF action order for termination of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued	Mar.29	Enforcement of Legislation for Peace and Security ("Act for the Development of the Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Act")	Jan.25	At the National Maritime Work Conference, China's State Oceanic Administration Director announces priorities of the next five years would include building a "Spratly Island reef ecological protected area"
	Feb.10	Japan-U.S.-ROK Trilateral Joint Chiefs of Staff Video-Teleconference is held	Mar.31	Japan-U.S.-ROK summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jan.26	Russian bomber conducts flight along the perimeter of Japan
	Feb.12	Defense State Minister Wakamiya attends Munich Security Conference (through February 14)	Apr.01	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jan.27	Four Chinese vessels sail Tsushima Strait northward
	Feb.29	Japan-Philippines Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed (Manila)	Apr.14	2016 Kumamoto Earthquake strikes (main shock on April 16)	Jan.30	U.S. naval destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur sails within 12 nautical miles of Triton Island, Paracel Islands in the South China Sea and conducts Freedom of Navigation Operation
	Mar.16	20th Tokyo Defense Forum (Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region) is held (through March 18)	May 25	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Ise Shima)	Jan.31	China's Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft and Y-8 early warning aircraft pass Tsushima Strait for the first time and fly over the Sea of Japan
	Mar.28	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of JGSDF Camp Yonaguni, etc.)	May 26	G7 Ise-Shima Summit (through May 27)	Feb.01	Chinese Ministry of National Defense dismantles seven Military Regions and announces the establishment of five theaters of operations
	Mar.30	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the forest fire in Ryozen, Date City, Fukushima Prefecture (through April 1)	May 27	U.S. President Obama visits Hiroshima	Feb.02	Four Chinese vessels sail through Tsugaru Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr.12	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the forest fire in Beppu City, Oita Prefecture (through April 13)			Feb.04	A Chinese Navy Dongdao-class AGI conducts round-trip northeast-southwest passages near the contiguous zone southeast of the Boso Peninsula (through February 8)
	Apr.14	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake (through May 30)			Feb.07	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"
	Apr.17	Cabinet decision regarding disaster relief call-up of ready reserve personnel in the wake of the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake			Feb.07	ROK decides to begin formal consultations on THAAD deployment by U.S. Forces Korea
	Apr.17	Disaster relief call-up order to ready reserve personnel is issued (through May 9)			Feb.09	U.S. President Obama presents his budget for FY2017
	Apr.18	Disaster relief teams dispatched to remove fallen trees in Hiroo Town, Hiroo District, Hokkaido (through April 21)			Feb.10	The ROK decides to completely suspend operations at the Kaesong Industrial Complex in response to North Korea's nuclear test and long-range missile launch
	Apr.22	First flight of Advanced Technology Demonstrator (X-2)			Feb.11	North Korea declares the Kaesong Industrial Complex a military control zone and expels all ROK nationals from the zone
	May 02	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference			Feb.12	U.S. DoD submits "Annual Report: Military and Security Developments Involving the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" to Congress
	Jun.03	Prime Minister Abe and Defense Minister Nakatani attend 15th Asia Security Summit (held by IISS) (Singapore) (through June 5)			Feb.15	U.S.-ASEAN summit meeting (California) (through February 16)
	Jun.04	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)			Feb.15	A submerged submarine sails Tsushima Strait southwestward from the Sea of Japan to the East China Sea
	Jun.04	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting and Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)			Feb.16	Locations of equipment deemed to be surface-to-air missile in Woody Island, Paracel Islands are confirmed
	Jun.04	Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. DoD and the Japanese MOD concerning Reciprocal Defense Procurement is signed			Feb.17	Terror attack occurs in Ankara, Turkey
	Jun.06	Defense Minister Nakatani visits Myanmar, Thailand, and Timor-Leste (through June 10)			Feb.22	U.S.-Russia agreement on Syrian ceasefire
	Jun.13	MOD/SDF participate in Pacific Partnership 2016 (through August 24)			Feb.25	Australia releases "2016 Defence White Paper"
					Mar.05	China announces FY2016 defense budget
					Mar.07	U.S.-ROK Key Resolve and Foal Eagle combined exercise (through April 30)
					Mar.10	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
					Mar.18	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
					Mar.18	The United States and the Philippines agree to utilize five Philippine bases for carrying out defense cooperation based on the EDCA
					Mar.22	Terror bombing attacks occur in Brussels, Belgium
					Mar.28	Two Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
					Mar.31	U.S.-China summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)
					Mar.31	Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C.) (through April 1)
					Apr.07	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
					Apr.08	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
					Apr.15	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
					Apr.17	Chinese naval patrol aircraft lands in Fiery Cross Reef in Spratly Islands and evacuates sick people
					Apr.20	China's Y-8 early warning aircraft flies between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
					Apr.20	China releases images from President Xi Jinping's visit to the Central Military Commission Joint Operations Command Center
					Apr.23	North Korea launches an SLBM
					Apr.28	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
					Apr.29	Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan is established
					May 02	China deploys landing ship to Fiery Cross Reef in the Spratly Islands
					May 06	7th KWP Congress (through May 9)
					May 10	U.S. naval destroyer USS William P. Lawrence sails within 12 nautical miles of Fiery Cross Reef, Spratly Islands in the South China Sea
					May 14	An expedition unit comprised of approximately 200 personnel led by the Deputy Commander of the Russian Pacific Fleet arrives in Matsuwa Island of the Chishima Islands and subsequently begins survey activities
					May 17	A Chinese PLA fighter jet flies abnormally close to a U.S. Navy reconnaissance aircraft over the South China Sea
					May 19	Russia-ASEAN summit meeting (through May 20)
					May 20	Tsai Ing-wen, Chairperson of DPP, becomes President in Taiwan
					May 22	U.S. President Obama visits Vietnam (through May 25), fully lifts arms embargo on Vietnam
					May 23	China and Russia hold first joint missile defense exercise (through May 28)
					May 24	ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) (through May 27)
					May 25	Hibatullah Akhundzada is chosen as new Emir of the Taliban in Afghanistan
					May 31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
					Jun.03	15th Shangri-La Dialogue (Singapore) (through June 5)
					Jun.06	8th U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (Beijing) (through June 7)
					Jun.07	A Chinese PLA fighter jet conducts dangerous flight, approaching a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance aircraft at a high speed over the East China Sea
					Jun.08	New Zealand releases "Defence White Paper 2016"
					Jun.09	A Chinese combatant vessel enters the contiguous zone near the Senkaku Islands for the first time
					Jun.12	Shooting terror attack in Florida, United States