

## Defense Chronology

Year	Date	Major Events	Year	Date	Major Events	Year	Date	Major Events	
1945	Aug. 15	World War II ends	1952	Apr. 28	Japan-U.S. Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty enter into force	1958	Jan. 14	First ocean training exercises (Hawaii, through February 28)	
	Aug. 17	Higashikuniomiya Cabinet established		Apr. 28	Far East Commission, Allied Council, and GHQ Abolished		Jan. 31	U.S. successfully launches an artificial satellite	
	Aug. 17	Republic of Indonesia declares independence		May 01	May Day riot at Imperial Palace Plaza		Feb. 17	ASDF begins airspace anti-intrusion measures	
	Aug. 28	Provisional government of People's Republic of Vietnam established		May 26	U.S., U.K., and France sign peace agreement with Germany		Apr. 18	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs	
	Sep. 02	GHQ established		May 27	European Defense Community (EDC) Treaty signed		Jun. 12	Inauguration of second Kishi Cabinet; Sato becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Oct. 09	Shidehara Cabinet established		Jul. 21	Subversive Activities Prevention Law promulgated and enters into force		Aug. 23	Chinese People's Liberation Army attack on Quemoy intensifies	
	Oct. 15	General Staff Office and Military Command abolished		Jul. 26	Japan-U.S. Facilities and Areas Agreement signed		Sep. 11	Fujiyama-Dulles talks (Washington, D.C.); agreement on revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	
	Oct. 24	United Nations established		Jul. 31	National Safety Agency Law promulgated		Oct. 04	Commencement of Japan-U.S. talks on the revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	
	Nov. 30	Army and Navy Ministries abolished		Aug. 01	National Safety Agency established; Prime Minister Yoshida concurrently becomes Director-General of the National Safety Agency; Coastal Safety Force inaugurated		Oct. 23	Dulles talks with Chiang Kaishek; joint statement issued denying counteroffensive against mainland China	
	1946	Jan. 04		GHQ orders purge from public office	Oct. 15		National Safety Force inaugurated	Dec. 17	U.S. test-launches Atlas ICBM
Jan. 10	First session of U.N. General Assembly (London, through February 14)	Oct. 30	Inauguration of fourth Yoshida Cabinet; Kimura becomes Director-General of the National Safety Agency	1959	Jan. 12	Ino becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Jan. 27	GHQ orders the suspension of Japanese administrative right over Ryukyu and Ogasawara Islands	Oct. 31	U.K. carries out its first atomic bomb test		Mar. 30	Tokyo District Court rules the stationing of U.S. Forces unconstitutional in the Sunagawa case			
Feb. 26	Far East Commission formed	Nov. 01	U.S. carries out its first hydrogen bomb test		Jun. 18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Akagi becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Mar. 05	Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech	Nov. 12	Japan-U.S. Ship Leasing Agreement signed		Aug. 25	China-India border dispute			
Apr. 05	First meeting of Allied Council on Japan	1953	Jan. 01		Security Advisory Group in Japan inaugurated	Sep. 18	USSR General Secretary Khrushchev proposes complete military reductions at U.N.		
Apr. 24	Civil administration of Okinawa established		Apr. 01		National Safety Academy (predecessor of National Defense Academy) established	Sep. 26	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon Vera		
May 03	International Military Tribunal for the Far East opened		May 21		Inauguration of fifth Yoshida Cabinet	Nov. 06	National Defense Council decision to produce 200 F-104 aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet on November 10		
May 22	Yoshida Cabinet established		Jul. 27		Korean War Armistice Agreement signed	Dec. 01	Antarctica Treaty signed		
Oct. 01	International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg renders judgment		Aug. 12		USSR carries out its first hydrogen bomb test	Dec. 16	Supreme Court reverses original ruling in the Sunagawa case		
Nov. 03	The Constitution of Japan promulgated		Sep. 27		Yoshida and Shigemitsu talk	1960	Jan. 11	Defense Agency moves to Hinoki-cho	
Dec. 19	First Indochina War starts (through 1954)		Oct. 01	U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty signed	Jan. 19		New Japan-U.S. Security Treaty is signed (enters into force June 23)		
1947	Mar. 12		Truman Doctrine announced	Oct. 30	Ikeda-Robertson talks; joint statement issued on gradual increase in self-defense strength		Feb. 13	France conducts its first nuclear test in the Sahara	
	May 03		The Constitution of Japan takes effect	Dec. 25	Japanese administrative rule over Amami Islands restored		May 01	U-2 reconnaissance plane belonging to U.S. shot down in Soviet airspace	
	Jun. 01		Katayama Cabinet established	1954	Jan. 21		U.S. launches world's first nuclear submarine (USS Nautilus)	May 24	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the earthquake and tsunami in Chile
	Jun. 05	Marshall Plan announced	Mar. 01		U.S. carries out hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll		Jul. 19	Ikeda Cabinet established; Esaki becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Aug. 15	India and Pakistan gain independence	Mar. 08		Daigo Fukuryu maru (Lucky Dragon V) incident		Jul. 20	U.S. conducts successful underwater launch of Polaris SLBM	
	Aug. 15	First India-Pakistan conflict (through 1965)	Mar. 14		Mutual Defense Assistance (MDA) agreement signed		Dec. 08	Inauguration of second Ikeda Cabinet; Nishimura becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Oct. 05	Cominform established	May 14		Japan and U.S. sign Land Lease Agreement on naval vessels		Dec. 20	Formation of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front	
	Dec. 17	Police Law promulgated (National Rural Police and municipal police forces established)	Jun. 02		House of Councillors passes resolution prohibiting dispatch of troops overseas		Jan. 13	National Defense Council decides to reorganize GSDF units (into 13 divisions); presented to Cabinet January 20	
	1948	Mar. 10	Ashida Cabinet established		Jun. 09	Promulgation of Defense Agency Establishment Law, Self-Defense Forces Law and Protection of National Security Law pertaining to the MDA	Apr. 12	USSR successfully launches manned spacecraft	
		Apr. 01	USSR imposes Berlin blockade (through May 12, 1949)		Jul. 01	Defense Agency established; Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces inaugurated	May 16	Military junta seizes power in a coup in ROK	
Apr. 27		Japan Coast Guard Law promulgated	Jul. 21		Geneva Agreement on armistice in Indochina signed	Jul. 06	Soviet-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed		
May 14		Israel gains independence; First Middle East War starts (through February 24, 1949)	Sep. 03		Chinese People's Liberation Army shells Quemoy and Matsu for the first time	Jul. 11	Sino-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed		
Jun. 11		U.S. Senate Vandenberg resolution	Sep. 08	South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed by signing of collective defense pact	Jul. 18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet; Fujieda becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Jun. 26		Berlin airlift starts	Dec. 02	U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty signed	Jul. 18	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Second Defense Build-up Plan			
Aug. 15		Republic of Korea (ROK) declares independence	Dec. 10	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Omura becomes Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 13	Construction of Berlin Wall			
Sep. 09		North Korea established	1955	Mar. 19	Inauguration of second Hatoyama Cabinet; Sugihara becomes Minister of State for Defense	Jul. 18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet (second term); Shiga becomes Minister of State for Defense		
Oct. 19		Second Yoshida Cabinet established		Apr. 18	Africa-Asia conference held at Bandung	Jul. 23	International Agreement on the Neutrality of Laos signed in Geneva International Conference		
Nov. 12		International Military Tribunal for the Far East renders judgment		May 05	West Germany formally admitted to NATO	Aug. 15	GSDF completes 13 division organization		
1949	Jan. 25	Council for Mutual Economic Cooperation (COMECON) established		May 06	Live shell fire by U.S. forces at Kita Fuji Maneuver Area; opposition to firing intensifies	Oct. 15	Type 61 tank first introduced		
	Feb. 16	Inauguration of third Yoshida Cabinet		May 08	Protests begin at Sunagawa Base	Oct. 20	China-India border dispute (through November 22)		
	Apr. 04	North Atlantic Treaty signed by 12 nations (becomes effective August 24) (NATO established)		May 14	Signing of Warsaw Pact (WPO starts)	Oct. 24	U.S. Navy imposes sea blockade of Cuba (through November 20)		
	Apr. 21	Nationalist-Communist talks break up; Chinese Communist Army launches general offensive		Jul. 31	Sunada becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 28	Premier of the Soviet Union Khrushchev declares dismantling of missile bases in Cuba		
	May 06	Federal Republic of Germany established (West Germany)		Aug. 06	First World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held in Hiroshima	Nov. 01	Defense Facilities Administration Agency established		
	Jul. 05	Shimoyama incident		Aug. 31	Shigemitsu-Dulles meeting; joint statement issued on revision of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Nov. 09	Shiga visits U.S. for first time as Minister of State for Defense (through November 26)		
	Jul. 15	Mitaka incident		Nov. 14	Japan-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement signed	1963	Jun. 20	Agreement signed for U.S.-Soviet hotline	
	Aug. 17	Matsukawa incident	Nov. 22	Inauguration of third Hatoyama Cabinet; Funada becomes Minister of State for Defense	Jul. 18		Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet (third term); Fukuda becomes Minister of State for Defense		
	Sep. 24	USSR declares possession of atomic bomb	Dec. 19	Atomic Energy Basic Law promulgated	Aug. 08		Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed by U.S.-USSR-U.K. (enters into force on October 10)		
	Oct. 01	People's Republic of China established	Feb. 09	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bomb tests (House of Councillors, February 10)	Aug. 14		Japan joins Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty		
Oct. 07	German Democratic Republic established (East Germany)	Feb. 14	Stalin criticized at the 20th Congress of Soviet Communist Party in Moscow; Khrushchev proclaims policy of peaceful co-existence with the West	Sep. 16	Malaysian Federation established				
Oct. 07	Chinese Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan	Mar. 23	Defense Agency moved to Kasumigaseki	Dec. 09	Inauguration of third Ikeda Cabinet				
Dec. 07	U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries	Apr. 17	USSR announces dissolution of Cominform	Dec. 17	ROK transfers to civilian government, Park Chung-hee becomes President				
Jan. 27	Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance signed	Apr. 26	First Japan-made destroyer Harukaze completed	1964	Jun. 15		Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty enters into force for Japan		
Feb. 14	John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of State, visits Japan	Jul. 02	National Defense Council Composition Law promulgated		Jul. 18		Inauguration of third reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet; Koizumi becomes Minister of State for Defense		
Jun. 25	Korean War (ends July 27, 1953)	Jul. 26	Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal		Aug. 02		Gulf of Tonkin incident		
Jun. 28	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet	Sep. 20	First domestically-produced F-86F fighter delivered		Oct. 16	China successfully carries out its first nuclear test			
Jul. 07	United Nations Force formed for dispatch to Korea	Oct. 19	Joint declaration on restoration of Japanese-Soviet relations		Oct. 16	Sato Cabinet established			
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	Oct. 23	Hungarian Revolution		Nov. 09	Sato Cabinet established			
Aug. 10	National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect	Oct. 29	Second Middle East War (Suez War; through November 6)		Nov. 12	U.S. nuclear submarine (Sea Dragon) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time			
Aug. 13	Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police Reserve begins	Dec. 18	Japan joins the U.N.		1965	Feb. 07	U.S. starts bombing of North Vietnam		
Aug. 14	Masuhashi appointed first Director-General of the National Police Reserve	Dec. 23	Ishibashi Cabinet established; Prime Minister concurrently becomes Minister of State for Defense			Feb. 10	Diet debate on Mitsuya study		
Aug. 14	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima	1957	Jan. 31			Acting Prime Minister Kishi concurrently becomes, ad interim, Minister of State for Defense	Jun. 03	Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Matsuno becomes Minister of State for Defense	
Sep. 07	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima		Feb. 02	Kotaki becomes Minister of State for Defense		Jun. 22	Japan-ROK Basic Treaty signed		
Sep. 15	U.N. troops land at Inchon		Feb. 25	Kishi Cabinet established		Sep. 01	Second India-Pakistan conflict (to September 22)		
Oct. 25	Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War		Mar. 15	House of Councillors passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs		Nov. 10	Icebreaker Fuji leaves on first mission to assist Antarctic observation (through April 8, 1966)		
Nov. 24	U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan		May 15	U.K. conducts its first hydrogen bomb test		1966	May 16	Cultural Revolution starts in China	
Dec. 18	NATO Defense Commission agrees to establishment of NATO Forces		May 20	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Basic Guidelines for National Defense			Jul. 01	France withdraws from the NATO command (rejoined April 4, 2009)	
1950	Jan. 27		U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries	Jun. 14			National Defense Council decision and Cabinet understanding adopted on First Defense Build-up Plan	Aug. 01	Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet (second term); Kambayashi becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Feb. 14		Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance signed	Jun. 21			Kishi-Eisenhower talks; joint statement on the early withdrawal of the USFJ issued	Oct. 27	China successfully carries out its first nuclear missile test
	Jun. 21		John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of State, visits Japan	Jul. 10	Inauguration of reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Tsushima becomes Minister of State for Defense		Nov. 29	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Outline of Third Defense Build-up Plan	
	Jun. 25		Korean War (ends July 27, 1953)	Aug. 06	Japan-U.S. Security Council inaugurated		Dec. 03	Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Masuda becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jun. 28	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet	Aug. 26	USSR announces successful ICBM test	1967		Jan. 27	Outer Space Treaty signed	
	Jul. 07	United Nations Force formed for dispatch to Korea	Aug. 27	Trial startup of reactor at Tokaimura			Feb. 17	Inauguration of second Sato Cabinet	
	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	Sep. 10	National Defense Council decision to produce P2V-742 aircraft domestically, Cabinet report on September 17			Mar. 14	National Defense Council decision adopted on Key matters for inclusion in Third Defense Build-up Plan (Cabinet decision on March 14)	
	Aug. 10	National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect	Oct. 04	USSR launches the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1					
	Aug. 13	Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police Reserve begins	Nov. 23	World Congress of Communist Parties issues the Moscow Declaration					
	Aug. 14	Masuhashi appointed first Director-General of the National Police Reserve	1958	Jan. 01		Japan becomes non-permanent member of the U.N. Security Council			
Sep. 07	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima	Jan. 01		European Economic Community (EEC) starts					
Sep. 15	U.N. troops land at Inchon								
Oct. 25	Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War								
Nov. 24	U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan								
Dec. 18	NATO Defense Commission agrees to establishment of NATO Forces								
1951	Jan. 23	Minister of State Ohashi takes charge of the National Police Reserve							
	Jan. 29	First Yoshida-Dulles talks (peace treaty negotiations)							
	Mar. 01	Special recruitment of Military and Naval Academy graduates to serve as police officers 1st and 2nd class begins							
	Apr. 11	MacArthur was dismissed as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers							
	Jul. 04	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet (second term)							
	Aug. 30	Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers dismissed							
	Sep. 01	U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty signed							
	Sep. 08	U.S.-New Zealand-U.S. sign ANZUS Treaty							
	Sep. 08	49 countries sign Peace Treaty with Japan; Japan-U.S. Security Treaty concluded							
	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							
Oct. 26	House of Representatives approves Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty (House of Councillors approval given November 18)								
Dec. 26	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet (third term)								
1952	Jan. 19	ROK proclaims sovereignty over neighboring ocean areas (Rhee Line)							
	Feb. 28	Japan-U.S. Administrative Agreement signed							
	Apr. 26	Maritime Guard established within the Japan Coast Guard							
	Apr. 28	Japan-Taiwan Peace Treaty concluded							

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1967	Mar. 29 Jun. 05 Jun. 17 Jul. 01 Aug. 08 Nov. 25	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	1973	Oct. 17 Nov. 07 Nov. 25	Ten OPEC countries decide to reduce crude oil supplies Pakistan formally withdraws from SEATO Inauguration of second reshuffled Tanaka Cabinet	1981	Jan. 06 Apr. 22 Jul. 07 Jul. 13 Oct. 01 Nov. 30 Dec. 13	February 7 decided 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
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	1974	Jan. 05 Jan. 18 Apr. 20 Apr. 25 May 18 Jul. 03 Oct. 08 Nov. 11 Nov. 13 Nov. 15 Nov. 23 Dec. 09	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 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	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. 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 Base noise suit Nakasone Cabinet established; Tanikawa becomes Minister of State for Defense
1969	Jan. 10 Mar. 02 Apr. 15 Jun. 10 Jul. 25 Nov. 21	National Defense Council decision to produce 104 F-4E aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet Armed clashes between Chinese and Soviet forces on Chenpao Island (Damansky Island) 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)	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	1983	Jan. 01 Jan. 14 Mar. 23 Jun. 12 Sep. 01 Oct. 09 Oct. 25 Nov. 08	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
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	1976	Apr. 05 Jun. 04 Jun. 08 Jul. 02 Jul. 08 Aug. 05 Aug. 18 Sep. 06 Sep. 15 Oct. 29 Nov. 05 Dec. 24	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 Inauguration of reshuffled Miki Cabinet National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Defense Plan for Defense Build-up beyond FY1977 National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Immediate-term Defense Build-up and Handling Major Items in Preparations for Defense Forces Fukuda Cabinet established; Mihara becomes Minister of State for Defense	1984	Jan. 01 Jan. 11 Oct. 16 Nov. 01	Brunei gains independence from the U.K. (joins ASEAN on January 7) (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
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 Esaki becomes Minister of State for Defense ASDF first domestic supersonic aircraft ASDF XT-2 delivered	1977	Feb. 17 Jun. 30 Jul. 01 Aug. 01 Aug. 10 Nov. 28 Dec. 29	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 and Cabinet decisions adopted on introduction of F-15s and P-3C	1985	Mar. 12 Apr. 02 Jun. 04 Aug. 12 Sep. 18 Dec. 27 Dec. 28	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 National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program; National Defense Council decision and Cabinet understanding adopted on introduction of Patriots Detailed arrangements for the supply of military technologies to the U.S. concluded Inauguration of second reshuffled Nakasone Cabinet (second term)
1972	Jan. 07 Feb. 08 Feb. 27 Apr. 10 Apr. 18 May 15 May 26 Jul. 03 Jul. 04 Jul. 07 Sep. 29 Oct. 09 Dec. 21 Dec. 22	Sato-Nixon joint statement on the agreement of the return of Okinawa and the reduction of bases National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Outline of 4th Five-Year Defense Build-up Plan U.S. President Nixon visits China; China-U.S. Joint Communiqué Japan signs Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on SDF deployment in Okinawa 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 National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Situation Judgment and Defense Concepts in the Fourth Defense Build-up Plan, Key Matters for Inclusion in Fourth Defense Build-up Plan, and Measures to Enhance Civilian Control East-West Germany Basic Treaty signed Inauguration of second Tanaka Cabinet	1978	Apr. 12 Aug. 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 Deliveries 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)	1986	Feb. 24 Apr. 09 Apr. 26 Jul. 01 Jul. 22 Aug. 10 Aug. 15 Sep. 05 Sep. 22 Oct. 15 Oct. 27	First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint command post exercise (Hinoki-cho, headquarters of USFJ, etc., through February 28) Tokyo High Court renders judgment in first Atsugi Air Base noise suit Accident at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union Security Council Establishment Law enacted Inauguration of third Nakasone Cabinet; Kurihara becomes Minister of State for Defense U.S. announces suspension of its obligations to New Zealand under the ANZUS Treaty in treaty talks (San Francisco, through August 11) Japan, U.S., USSR open hotline operations Government approves the first transfer of military technology to the U.S. Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE) adopts final documents (Stockholm) USSR announces partial withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint field training exercise (eastern and southern part of Honshu island, etc., through October 31)
1973	Jan. 23 Jan. 27 Feb. 01 Feb. 21 Mar. 29 May 29 Jun. 22 Jul. 01 Sep. 07 Sep. 21 Oct. 06 Oct. 08	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) Japan-North Vietnam establish diplomatic relations Fourth Middle East War (ends October 25) Japan-Soviet summit (Moscow)	1979	Jan. 01 Jan. 07 Jan. 11 Feb. 11 Feb. 17 Mar. 26 Jun. 18 Jul. 17 Jul. 25 Nov. 09 Dec. 27	U.S. and China normalize diplomatic relations, U.S. notifies termination of the U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty after one year Fall of Phnom Penh, establishment of Heng Samrin regime announced National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on introduction of E-2C 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) Inauguration of second Ohira Cabinet; Kubota becomes Minister of State for Defense Soviet Union invades Afghanistan	1987	Jan. 24 Jan. 30 May 27 May 29 Jul. 15 Jul. 20	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on a program for the future build-up of defense capacity Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1) 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 Director Kurihara first incumbent Director to visit China (through June 4) Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 1st Yokota Air Base noise suit U.N. Security Council adopts Iran-Iraq Conflict Cease Fire resolution (Number 598)

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1987	Aug. 26	Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams enacted	1991	Jun. 03	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of Fugendake on Mt. Unzen	1994	Sep. 22	U.S. DoD announces "Nuclear Posture Review"		
	Oct. 06	First Japan-U.S. Meeting on COCOM held (Tokyo, through October 7)		Jul. 31	U.S. and Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow		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		
	Oct. 21	Follow-on aircraft for F-1 study results decided and announced		Sep. 06	Soviet State Council approves independence of three Baltic states		Dec. 01	First Asia-Pacific Security Seminar (under the auspices of the National Institute for Defense Studies, through December 17)		
	Nov. 06	Takeshita Cabinet established; Kawara becomes Minister of State for Defense		Sep. 11	Miyazawa Cabinet established		Dec. 01	Commander of U.S.-ROK Combined Forces devolves operational control in peacetime to ROK forces		
	Nov. 29	KAL airliner blown up by North Korean terrorists over the Bay of Bengal		Sep. 17	U.N. General Assembly approves 7 member nations, including North and South Korea, and 3 Baltic nations		Dec. 05	START-I comes into force		
	Dec. 08	INF Treaty signed		Oct. 09	SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time		Dec. 18	Russia starts military operations against Chechnya		
	Dec. 18	Security Council of Japan approves a study on the state of air defense on the high seas		Nov. 05	House of Representatives establishes the Committee on National Security		Dec. 20	First visit to Japan by the ROK's naval training vessel (Harumi, through December 23)		
	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)	Nov. 05		Miyazawa Cabinet established; Miyashita becomes Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 26	Kanazawa branch of Nagoya High Court renders judgement in 1st Komatsu Air Base noise suit	
		Mar. 14		Armed clashes between China and Vietnam in the waters around the Spratly Islands	Nov. 26		Clark USAF Base formally returned to Philippines	1995	Jan. 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (through April 27)
		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	Dec. 05		Ukrainian independence declared by Supreme Council of Ukrainian Republic		Mar. 09	Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) established
May 29		U.S.-Soviet Union summit talks (Moscow, through June 1, instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged)	Dec. 08	CIS agreement signed by leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine at summit (Brest, Belarus)	Mar. 20	SDF personnel dispatched teams to carry out rescue operations in the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system (through March 23)				
Jun. 01		Supreme Court renders judgment on an appeal against the enshrining of an SDF officer killed in an accident	1992	Feb. 07	Twelve EC countries sign the European Union Treaty (Maastricht Treaty)	May 11	NPT extended indefinitely			
Jul. 23		Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka)		Feb. 25	China promulgates and enacts Territorial Waters Act, designating the Senkaku Islands as an integral part of China	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)			
Aug. 17		First joint verification of an underground nuclear test carried out by U.S. and Soviet Union (Nevada)		Apr. 01	Custody of government aircraft (B-747) transferred to the Defense Agency	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"			
Aug. 20		Ceasefire agreement reached in Iran-Iraq War		Apr. 01	First female students enter National Defense Academy of Japan	Jul. 28	Vietnam officially joins ASEAN			
Aug. 24		Tazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense		Apr. 27	Tokyo District Court renders judgment in suits pertaining to the surrender of land for Atsugi Air Base	Aug. 01	1st KEDO Meeting (Japan-U.S.-ROK) held (New York)			
Aug. 24		Tazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense		May 22	North Korean soldiers invade the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and fire guns	Aug. 08	Inauguration of reshuffled Murayama Cabinet; Eto becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Sep. 20	First Japan-made T-4 medium trainer introduced	May 23		START-I Treaty signed between the U.S. and four Soviet States including Russia	Sep. 04	Japanese schoolgirl assaulted by three U.S. soldiers based in Okinawa				
Oct. 17	U.S. and Philippines sign negotiated agreement on revised Military Bases Agreement	May 25		IAEA officials make the first designated inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities (through June 5)	Sep. 15	Ratification of Chemical Weapons Convention				
Nov. 29	Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint development	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"	Oct. 27	Announcement of "Law Relating to the Treatment of Defense Agency Personnel Dispatched to International Organizations" (effective January 1, 1996)				
Dec. 07	General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet troops	Aug. 10		International Peace Cooperation Law comes into force	Nov. 17	Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of a consultation forum to discuss issues relating to U.S. bases in Okinawa				
Dec. 27	Inauguration of reshuffled Takeshita Cabinet	Aug. 24	China and the ROK establish diplomatic relations	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)					
1989	Jan. 07	Demise of Emperor Showa	Sep. 17	Departure commences of 1st Cambodia Dispatch Facilities Battalion (All units returned to Japan by September 26, 1993)	Nov. 28	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on National Defense Program Outline for the period from FY1996				
1989	Feb. 15	Soviet Union completes the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan	Sep. 19	Departure of Electoral Observer to Cambodia (Narita)	Dec. 14	Security Council of Japan decision adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2002) (Cabinet decision on December 15)				
	Feb. 24	Emperor Showa's funeral	Sep. 30	U.S. returns Naval Base Subic Bay (Philippines)	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				
	Mar. 09	Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) started (Vienna)	Nov. 09	CFE Treaty becomes formally effective	Dec. 14	Formal signing of the Bosnia Peace Agreement in Paris				
	Mar. 09	Confidence and Security-Building Measures (CSBM) started (Vienna)	Nov. 24	U.S. returns Air Station Cubi Point (Philippines) (withdrawal from Philippines complete)	Dec. 15	10 Southeast Asian nations sign the South East Asia Non-Nuclear Zone Treaty at ASEAN summit meeting				
	Mar. 15	Hachioji branch of the Tokyo District Court renders judgment in the 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit	Dec. 03	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to allow military action by multinational forces in Somalia	Dec. 20	IFOR, consisting mainly of NATO troops, replaces UNPROFOR and formally commences operations				
	Mar. 30	New BADGE system begins operations	Dec. 11	Inauguration of reshuffled Miyazawa Cabinet; Nakayama becomes Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 26	Tokyo High Court renders judgement on remanded appeal trial for 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit				
	Apr. 01	Consumption Tax Law enforced	Dec. 16	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to deploy peacekeeping operations in Mozambique	1996	Jan. 11	Hashimoto Cabinet established; Usui becomes Minister of State for Defense			
	May 10	START-I reopened at U.S.-Soviet foreign ministers conference, agreement achieved (Moscow, through May 11)	Dec. 18	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Modification of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995)		Jan. 26	START-II ratified by U.S. Senate			
	Jun. 03	Uno Cabinet established; Yamasaki becomes Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 21	Yokohama District Court renders judgment in 2nd Atsugi Air Base noise suit		Jan. 31	SDF units dispatched to United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)			
	Jun. 04	Chinese martial law units fire on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in Beijing (2nd Tiananmen incident)	1993	Jan. 03		U.S.-Russia summit (Moscow); START-II signed	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		
Jun. 20	Supreme Court renders judgment in the Hyakuri Base suit	Jan. 13		U.S. signs CWC		Mar. 23	Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections; Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui re-elected			
Jun. 22	Yokohama District Court renders judgment in the Atsugi Air Base suit to vacate the premises	Feb. 25		Supreme Court renders judgment in 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit and 1st Yokota Air Base noise suit		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)			
Jun. 24	Zhao Ziyang relieved of post as General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, and replaced by Jiang Zemin	Mar. 12		North Korea announces secession from NPT		Apr. 15	Signing of Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement and its procedural arrangements (effective October 22)			
Aug. 10	Kaifu Cabinet established; Matsumoto becomes Minister of State for Defense	Mar. 25		Aegis ship (Kongo) enters service		Apr. 16	Cabinet decision adopted on promotion of solutions to issues relating to facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Okinawa Prefecture			
Sep. 26	Vietnam completely withdraws from Cambodia	Apr. 08		Death of U.N. Volunteer (UNV) Atsuhiko Nakata in Cambodia		Apr. 17	Japan-U.S. Joint Declaration on Security issued			
Nov. 09	GDR permits free departures to the West (virtual demolition of the Berlin Wall)	May 04		Multinational forces deployed to Somalia move to United Nations Operation in Somalia II (UNISOM II)		Jul. 12	Inaugural meeting of Wassenaar Arrangement (Vienna)			
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		May 04	Death of Superintendent Haruyuki Takada, a civilian police officer in Cambodia	Jul. 20	U.N. Treaty on the Law of the Seas goes into effect in Japan			
	Feb. 20	Joint Military Technology Commission decides to provide "military technology related to FS-X" to U.S.		May 11	Mozambique Dispatch Transport Coordination Unit begin departing for Mozambique (All units returned home by January 8, 1995)	Jul. 26	First visit to Russia by MSDF ships (Vladivostok, through July 30, Russian Navy's 300th anniversary naval review)			
	Feb. 28	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet; Ishikawa becomes Minister of State for Defense		May 14	United Nations Operation in Mozambique headquarters staff depart for Mozambique	Jul. 29	China conducts underground nuclear test (its 45th), then announces moratorium on nuclear testing			
	Mar. 03	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Kaifu, G.H.W. Bush, Palm Springs, through March 4)	May 29	North Korea conducts a ballistic missile test over the central Sea of Japan	Aug. 28	First visit by MSDF ships to ROK (Pusan, through September 6)				
	May 29	Naha District Court renders judgment in administrative handling suit pertaining to Special Measures Law for USFJ Land	Jun. 01	Along with full operation of the private government plane (B-747), Special Air Transport Squadron newly established	Aug. 28	Supreme Court renders judgement in lawsuit regarding mandamus pertaining to proxy signature with regard to the Act on Special Measures Concerning USFJ Land Release				
	Jun. 19	Japan-U.S. Joint Committee confirms moves to prepare necessary steps to return U.S. military facilities in Okinawa (23 items)	Jun. 09	Wedding ceremony of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince	Sep. 10	U.N. General Assembly adopts the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)				
	Jun. 21	Japan and the U.S. reach agreement in principle on the establishment of a ministerial conference on security	Jun. 11	North Korea reserves the right to withdraw from the NPT in a joint statement issued during first round of U.S.-North Korea consultations	Sep. 18	North Korean minisubmarine runs aground on the east coast of ROK, its crew intruding into ROK territory (clearing operation completed November 7)				
	Aug. 02	Iraq invades Kuwait	Jul. 12	Disaster relief teams dispatched to Hokkaido in response to the earthquake off southwestern Hokkaido (through August 12)	Sep. 26	Hong Kong protest vessels (Baodiao) etc., intrude into Japan's territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands				
	Aug. 02	U.S. President G.H.W. Bush gives speech at Aspen	Aug. 04	Signing of peace treaty in Rwanda civil war	Sep. 27	Taliban gains control of the Afghan capital, Kabul, and declares the establishment of the provisional government				
	Oct. 03	German unification	Aug. 09	Hosokawa Cabinet established; Nakanishi becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 03	Russia-Chechnya ceasefire agreed				
Oct. 16	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet	Sep. 01	U.S. DoD announces the Bottom Up Review	Nov. 07	Inauguration of second Hashimoto Cabinet; Kyuma becomes Minister of State for Defense					
Oct. 24	USSR conducts underground nuclear tests in the Arctic	Sep. 13	Israel and PLO sign a declaration of the principles of provisional autonomy	Nov. 18	Basic NATO agreement to keep a multinational stabilization force (SFOR) to succeed IFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina					
Nov. 10	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations annulled	Sep. 23	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to establish the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)	Dec. 02	SACO final report approved by Japan-U.S. Joint Security Council					
Nov. 12	Coronation of Emperor	Oct. 12	Japan-Russia agreement on prevention of marine accidents signed	Dec. 24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on responses to foreign submarines traveling underwater in Japanese territorial waters					
Nov. 23	Great Thanksgiving Festival	Nov. 01	Maastricht Treaty comes into effect; European Union established	1997	Jan. 02	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Russian Nakhodka shipwreck and oil spill disaster (through March 31)				
Dec. 20	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995)	Dec. 02	Aichi becomes Minister of State for Defense							
Dec. 29	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet; Ikeda becomes Minister of State for Defense	1994	Feb. 23		"Advisory Group on Defense Issues" inaugurated under the Prime Minister					
1991	Jan. 17		Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters		Feb. 24	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 1st Kadema Air Base noise suit				
	Jan. 17		Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Desert Storm		Feb. 25	Defense Agency's "Defense Posture Review Board" inaugurated				
	Jan. 24		Government pledges an additional U.S.\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region		Mar. 23	First female aviation students join MSDF				
	Jan. 25		Cabinet decision adopted on ordinance on interim measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees (promulgated and enacted on January 29, annulled April 19)		Mar. 24	First female aviation students join ASDF				
	Mar. 13		Kanazawa District Court renders judgment on the first trial for the lawsuit pertaining to noise generated by the Komatsu Air Base		Mar. 30	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 2nd Yokota Air Base noise suit				
	Mar. 31		WPO (Warsaw Pact structures) dismantled		Apr. 28	Hata Cabinet established; Kanda becomes Minister of State for Defense				
	Apr. 11		Gulf War formally ended		Jun. 08	U.S. DoD submits "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation" pertaining to weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear weapons				
	Apr. 24		Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on "Sending minesweepers to the Persian Gulf"	Jun. 30	Murayama Cabinet established; Tamazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense					
	Apr. 26		Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf							

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1997	Jan. 20	Establishment of Defense Intelligence Headquarters	1999	Nov. 22	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for Timor-Leste Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000)	2002	May 20	The United Nations Transitional Administration in Timor-Leste (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in Timor-Leste (UNMIS/ET)	
	Apr. 29	CWC enters into force		Nov. 22	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture declares the site proposed for the relocation of Futenma Air Station		May 24	Signing of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions	
	May 12	Russia-Chechnya peace treaty signed		Dec. 17	U.N. Security Council adopts a comprehensive resolution relating to the Iraq issue and establishes UNMOVIC in place of UNSCOM		May 30	Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 4th Yokota Air Base noise suit	
	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)		Dec. 20	Rule over Macao transferred to China		Jun. 13	U.S. withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty	
	Jul. 01	Hong Kong reverts to China		Dec. 27	Decision with the Japan Coast Guard on the "Joint Response Manual for Suspicious Ships"		Jun. 29	Exchanges of fire between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats which crossed the NLL	
	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)		Dec. 27	Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture announces the acceptance of alternative facilities for Futenma Air Station		Jul. 16	U.S. Government releases "National Strategy for Homeland Security"	
	Jul. 16	North Korean soldiers cross the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) and exchange fire with ROK troops		Dec. 28	Cabinet decision adopted on Government Policy for the Relocation of Futenma Air Station		Jul. 29	Basic Plan of the Futenma Replacement Facility agreed	
	Sep. 11	Inauguration of second reshuffled Hashimoto Cabinet		2000	Jan. 17		Anti-personnel mine disposal begins	Sep. 04	Incident in central Sea of Japan (response to a suspicious ship)
	Sep. 23	Guidelines for New Japan-U.S. defense cooperation approved by Security Consultative Committee (SCC)			Feb. 16		First assembly of the Research Commissions on the Constitution in the Upper House (Lower House on February 17)	Sep. 17	Japan-North Korea Summit held Kim Jong-Il, the North Korean President, admits and apologizes for abductions
	Nov. 10	China-Russia summit talks: China-Russian joint statement signed (Beijing), and demarcation of the China-Russia eastern border declared			Apr. 01		Enactment of the "Self-Defense Forces Personnel Ethics Act"	Sep. 20	U.S. Government announces "National Security Strategy"
	Dec. 03	Japan signs Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty			Apr. 05		Mori Cabinet established	Sep. 30	Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ishiba becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Dec. 03	Final Report of the Administrative Reform Committee			Apr. 14		Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II (START-II)	Oct. 01	Personnel deployed to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (Head of Operations and Planning Branch) (through July 6)
	Dec. 04	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty signing ceremony in Ottawa (121 nations)			May 07		Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes duties as President	Oct. 13	First International Fleet Review in Japan (Tokyo Bay)
Dec. 19	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2000)	May 08	Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building		Oct. 15	Five of those abducted return to Japan			
1998	Mar. 26	Introduction of a system of SDF ready reserve personnel	Jun. 16		The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force	Oct. 16	U.S. Government issues statement that North Korea admitted to having a program to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, during Assistant Secretary of State Kelly's visit to North Korea		
	Apr. 28	The signing of an agreement to revise the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement	Jul. 04		Inauguration of second Mori Cabinet; Torashima becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 16	Yokohama District Court renders judgement in 3rd Atsugi Air Base noise suit		
	May 11	India carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 13)	Jul. 21		Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23)	Oct. 31	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in the suit pertaining to the surrender of land for Sobe Communication Site		
	May 22	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 1st Kadena Air Base noise suit	Jul. 21		U.S.-Russia summit meeting held, Cooperation on Strategic Stability announced	Nov. 01	Introduction of stricter penalties in order to protect classified information (defense secrets)		
	May 28	Pakistan carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 30)	Aug. 25		Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established	Nov. 14	KEDO Executive Board decides to freeze provision of heavy oil to North Korea from December		
	Jun. 06	U.N. Security Council resolution adopted that condemns nuclear tests by India and Pakistan	Sep. 13		SDF personnel dispatched to dispose of Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW) in China	Nov. 18	First SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercise in Hokkaido		
	Jun. 12	Announcement and enactment of Basic Act on Central Government Reform	Oct. 12	U.S. and North Korea announce U.S.-North Korea Joint Communiqué	Nov. 21	NATO Prague Summit decides new membership for seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe			
	Jun. 12	Revision of the International Peace Cooperation Law promulgated and comes into force (the section concerning use of force enters into force July 12)	Oct. 12	Terrorist attack on the U.S.S. Cole, an American destroyer, in Yemen	Dec. 02	SDF personnel dispatched for the first time to the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)			
	Jun. 22	A North Korean submarine intrudes into the east coast of ROK, seized by ROK forces	Nov. 20	The 22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF	Dec. 12	North Korea announces it will resume operation and establishment of nuclear-related facilities			
	Jul. 27	China publishes its first comprehensive defense white paper, "Defense of China"	Dec. 05	Inauguration of second reshuffled Mori Cabinet; Saito becomes Minister of State for Defense	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			
	Jul. 29	Bilateral search and rescue exercise between MSDF/ASDF and Russian Navy — the first full-fledged bilateral exercise between Japan and Russia	Dec. 15	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2001-FY2005)	Dec. 17	U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system			
	Jul. 30	Obuchi Cabinet established; Nukaga 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. 10	North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)		
	Aug. 31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace		Feb. 09	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC (through March, 2005)	Jan. 24	U.S. Department of Homeland Security established		
Aug. 31	Government refuses to sign Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) resolution on cost sharing after North Korean missile launch	Feb. 10		Collision between Ehime Maru and U.S. submarine	Jan. 28	Establishment of Consultative Body on Construction of Futenma Replacement Facility concerning Futenma Air Station Replacement			
Sep. 01	Temporary freezing of Japan-North Korea normalization talks	Mar. 01		The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect	Feb. 08	Disposal of antipersonnel landmines complete (with some exceptions)			
Sep. 02	Additional sanctions on North Korea (suspension of charter flights) implemented	Mar. 07		Former Maritime Self-Defense official is given a jail sentence for providing confidential documents to officer of the Russian Embassy	Mar. 20	U.S. and U.K. Forces begin military operations in Iraq			
Sep. 24	Japan-ROK Fisheries Agreement concluded (Takeshima Issue shelved)	Apr. 01		Information Disclosure Act (IDA) comes into force	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. 30	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty concluded	Apr. 01		Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes	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)			
Oct. 21	KEDO signed	Apr. 26		Koizumi Cabinet established; Nakatani becomes Minister of State for Defense	Apr. 21	ASDF in-flight refueling training (through May 1)			
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	May 01	U.S. President G.W. Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan			
Nov. 15	First joint exercise involving all three branches (a total of 2,400 personnel from the GSDF, MSDF and ASDF) (Iwo Jima)	Jun. 15		Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) established	May 13	Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit			
Nov. 20	Norota becomes Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 08		Disaster relief teams dispatched to submarine rescue ship Chiyaya to cooperate in raising the Ehime Maru (returned December 16)	May 31	U.S. President G.W. Bush proposes Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) for the first time			
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. 11		Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur	Jun. 01	U.S.-Russia leaders talk, enforcement of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions			
Dec. 22	Cabinet decision adopted on introduction of information gathering satellite	Sep. 12		U.N. Security Council adopts resolution condemning the terrorist attacks	Jun. 06	Three Armed Attack Situation Response related laws passed in the House of Councillors plenary session			
Dec. 22	Aha Training Area returned (the first resolved issue of SACD)	Sep. 19	Prime Minister Koizumi announces immediate measures in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S.	Jun. 13	Cabinet decision adopted on Bill Concerning the Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq				
Dec. 25	Security Council approves Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies	Sep. 21	First Meeting of the Committee to Consider the Modality of National Defense	Jul. 04	Cabinet decision adopted on "Implementation Plan for International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Iraqi Afflicted Persons"				
1999	Jan. 14	Inauguration of reshuffled Obuchi Cabinet	Oct. 01	U.S. announces Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)	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)			
	Mar. 01	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty enters into force in Japan	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	Jul. 26	Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq passed in the House of Councillors plenary session			
	Mar. 23	Discovery of a suspicious ship off the Noto Peninsula (Maritime security operations ordered on March 24)	Oct. 06	International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan refugees (through October 12)	Jul. 29	Cabinet decision adopted on changes to the implementation plan of the International Peace Cooperation Operations in the Golan Heights			
	Mar. 29	GSDF establishes first brigade	Oct. 07	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan (October 19, U.S. Forces sends special operation forces, first ground fighting)	Aug. 27	First Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through August 29)			
	Apr. 01	Establishment of Committee for the Promotion of Information Gathering Satellites (Cabinet)	Oct. 08	Government of Japan establishes the Emergency Anti-Terrorism Headquarters and decides upon Emergency Response Measures at the first meeting	Sep. 11	Ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Memorial Zone			
	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)	Oct. 29	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and other measures passed in the House of Councillors plenary session	Sep. 12	First joint exercise of PSI held in the Coral Sea northeast of Australia (through September 14)			
	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	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)	Sep. 14	Government survey mission dispatched to Middle East countries, including Iraq			
	Jun. 15	Shooting incident between North Korean Naval ships which had crossed the Northern Limit Line and South Korean Naval ships	Nov. 16	Cabinet decision adopted on basic plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Sep. 22	Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet (second term)			
	Jul. 23	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in second Atsugi Air Base noise suit	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. 30	Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of award for people engaged in dangerous activities (November 3, 2003 Former SDF personnel are conferred the award for people engaged in dangerous activities for the first time)			
	Aug. 05	First Bilateral Exercise of Search and Rescue Exercise between MSDF and ROK Navy (waters west of Kyushu)	Nov. 27	Exchange of fire in the Korean demilitarized zone (DMZ)	Oct. 07	Joint communiqué signed for the first time at Japan-China-ROK Summit meeting			
	Aug. 25	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan comes into force	Dec. 05	U.S. and Russia complete implementation of START-I	Oct. 10	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law remains in force for another two years			
	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	Dec. 20	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution establishing an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)	Oct. 15	China launches its first manned spacecraft Shenzhou 5			
	Sep. 23	SDF personnel dispatched to implement the transportation of necessary resources for international disaster relief operations in the Republic of Turkey (through November 22)	Dec. 22	Afghanistan Interim Authority formed, with Hamid Karzai serving as Chairman	Nov. 15	SDF special research group dispatched to Iraq			
Sep. 29	Russian military unit advances into the Republic of Chechnya	Dec. 29	Suspicious boat incident in waters southwest of Kyushu	Nov. 19	Inauguration of second Koizumi Cabinet				
Sep. 30	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the accident at a uranium processing facility in Tokaimura (through October 3)	Dec. 29	Russia withdraws troops from its base in Cuba	Nov. 29	Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq				
Oct. 05	Inauguration of second Obuchi Cabinet; Kawara becomes Minister of State for Defense	2002	Jan. 29	U.S. President G.W. Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address	Dec. 04	Australia decides to participate in missile defense program			
			Feb. 15	Cabinet decision adopted on international cooperation execution plan for Timor-Leste	Dec. 18	Iran signs IAEA agreement			
			Mar. 02	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to Timor-Leste (through June 25, 2004)	Dec. 19	Libya announces abandonment of weapons of mass destruction program			
			Mar. 06	Kanazawa District Court renders judgement in 2nd Komatsu Air Base noise suit					
			Mar. 27	Introduction of Candidates for SDF Reserve Personnel System					
			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					

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2003	Dec. 19	Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions)	2005	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	2007	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		Sep. 19	Joint statement adopted at Fourth Round of Six-Party Talks		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)		Sep. 21	Inauguration of third Koizumi Cabinet		Mar. 05	First Aviation Training Relocation associated with realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan (Tsukui, through March 8)
2004	Jan. 22	ASDF main contingent leaves for Kuwait	Oct. 12	SDF units dispatched for Japan Disaster Relief operations in response to large-scale earthquake in Pakistan, etc. (All units returned home by December 2)	Mar. 13	Australian Prime Minister Howard visits Japan, and the Japan-Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed		
	Feb. 03	Departure of first SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities	Oct. 20	GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint field training against terrorist attacks for the first time	Mar. 23	Emergency response procedures for destruction measures against ballistic missiles are prepared		
	Feb. 09	Implementation of Iraq-related response measures approved in Diet	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. 28	Establishment of the Central Readiness Force		
	Feb. 09	MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait (return on April 8)	Oct. 31	Inauguration of third reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Nakaga becomes Minister of State for Defense	Mar. 30	A Patriot PAC-3 system is deployed at the ASDF Iruma Base		
	Feb. 25	Second Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through February 29)	Oct. 31	Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended for one year)	Mar. 30	SDF personnel dispatched for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) as military observers (through January 18, 2011)		
	Mar. 04	Disaster relief teams dispatched for the first time in response to bird flu (Tanbacho, Kyoto Prefecture, through March 11)	Nov. 09	First session of the Fifth Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through November 11)	Apr. 16	Japan-U.S.-India naval drill conducted for the first time		
	Mar. 22	EU General Affairs Council agrees upon development of the structure and organization of EU rapid response capabilities	Nov. 11	Cabinet decision adopted on "the Government's actions to be taken for the time being in connection with the matters approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee held on October 29, 2005"	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		
	Mar. 26	Diet decides on installation of ballistic missile defense system (FY2004 draft budget passed in the House of Councillors plenary session)	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.	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"		
	Apr. 15	First transport of Japanese nationals living overseas implemented, 10 nationals transported from Iraq to Kuwait	Nov. 27	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.	May 18	ASDF controllers positioned at the Yokota RAPCON facility		
	Apr. 15	Ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Defense Agency/SDF	Nov. 27	Field training under the Civil Protection Law takes place for the first time in Fukui Prefecture	May 29	Russia announces that it succeeded in launching a new intercontinental ballistic missile		
	Apr. 28	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction	Nov. 30	Supreme Court renders judgement in 4th Yokota Air Base noise suit	Jun. 01	Supreme Court renders judgement in 4th Yokota Air Base noise suit		
	May 20	United Nations Mission of Support to East Timor (UNMISSET) transfers defense and security authority to Timor-Leste	Dec. 01	Partial revision of the Act on Remuneration of Defense Agency Personnel (revised remuneration) enters into force	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		
	May 22	Japan-North Korea Summit held (Pyongyang). Five family members of abductees return to Japan	Dec. 14	The first East Asia Summit is held (Kuala Lumpur)	Jun. 28	Russia succeeds in the experimental launch of new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), Bulava		
	Jun. 01	Interim Iraqi Government inaugurated (sovereignty transferred on June 28), and Iraqi Governing Council dissolved	Dec. 16	U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution criticizing the human rights situation in North Korea	Jul. 04	Koike becomes Minister of Defense		
	Jun. 01	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq	Dec. 24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on "Japan-U.S. Joint Development of Interceptor Missiles Having Improved Capability of Ballistic Missile Defense"	Jul. 04	Russian President Putin signs presidential order on the termination of the execution of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)		
	Jun. 14	Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in House of Councillors plenary session and conclusion of three treaties approved	2006	Jan. 10	Iran begins an uranium enrichment experiment	Jul. 14	Koike becomes Minister of Defense	
	Jun. 14	Special Measures Law for the Embargo on Specific Ships passed	Feb. 03	The United States releases "Quadrennial Defense Review" (QDR)	Jul. 20	Enactment of the "Basic Act on Ocean Policy"		
	Jun. 18	Cabinet agreement for SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty (joining multinational forces)	Feb. 04	Japan-North Korea negotiations concerning abduction issue, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile issues are held (through February 6)	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		
	Jun. 23	Third Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through June 26)	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)	Aug. 10	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-U.S. General Security of Military Information Agreement		
	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	Mar. 16	The United States announces the National Security Strategy	Aug. 27	Inauguration of reshuffled Abe Cabinet; Kouramura becomes Minister of Defense		
	Jul. 20	In the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, patrols commenced by the navies of three countries, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia	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	Aug. 29	Enactment of the USFJ Realignment Special Measures Law		
	Aug. 13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	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	Sep. 01	Local Cooperation Bureau, Equipment and Facilities Headquarters, Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance, and Local Defense Bureau created		
	Sep. 27	Inauguration of second reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ohno becomes Minister of State for Defense	May 01	The Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) announces the "United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation"	Sep. 26	Fukuda Cabinet established; Ishiba becomes Minister of Defense		
	Oct. 04	Final report by "Council on Security and Defense Capabilities"	May 05	Peace agreement between Sudanese Government and certain rebel forces in Darfur Conflict	Sep. 27	Second session of the Sixth Round of the Sixth 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)		
	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	May 11	The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture and Minister of State for Defense sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ	Oct. 03	The Six-Party Talks Joint Statement, the "Second-Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement," is announced		
	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 15	U.S. rescinds designation of Libya as a state sponsor of terrorism	Oct. 17	First Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral exercises (MSDF, U.S. Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force)		
	Oct. 25	EU leaders sign the EU Constitution	May 27	Large-scale earthquake takes place in the middle part of Java, Indonesia	Nov. 01	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law expires Order issued on termination of response measures based on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law		
	Nov. 07	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary commemorative troop review	May 29	First P-3C visit to Australia	Nov. 16	Council for MOD Reform established		
	Nov. 10	Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered submarine into Japan's territorial waters-Maritime security operations order issued (through November 12)	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)	Nov. 21	The USS Kitty Hawk is denied docking in Hong Kong and returns to Yokosuka via the Taiwan Strait (through November 25)		
	Nov. 16	Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine's intrusion into Japan's territorial waters	Jun. 16	Nepalese Government and Maoists sign peace accord	Nov. 28	Chinese naval vessel visits Japan for the first time (through December 1)		
	Dec. 26	Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster	Jun. 19	Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki announces that the authority to maintain public order in the province of Muhandana is transferred from the multilateral forces to Iraq	Dec. 13	Russia seizes four Japanese fishing vessels off Kunashiri Island		
	Dec. 27	China releases a white paper, "China's National Defense in 2004"	Jun. 20	The Government makes a decision to discontinue the activities of the GSDF contingent dispatched to Iraq, ASDF units continue to support the United Nations and the multinational forces	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		
	Dec. 10	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on "National Defense Program Guidelines, FY2005" and "Mid-Term Defense Program for FY2005-FY2009"	Jun. 23	Agreement concerning provision of arms and military technologies to the United States is signed	Dec. 19	Front headquarters of 1st Corp headquarters of U.S. forces formed at USFJ Camp Zama in line with the USFJ realignment		
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. 29	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting, joint document "The Japan-U.S. Alliance of the New Century" announced	Dec. 24	"Improvement of next fixed-wing aircraft" and "Important issues among contents of Defense Capability Buildup in FY2008"			
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)	Jul. 05	North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan	Dec. 24	Cabinet decisions adopted on "Changes of emergency response measures on destruction measures by ballistic missiles"		
	Jan. 19	The Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged submarines in Japan's territorial waters	Jul. 13	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 3rd Atsugi Air Base noise suit	2008	Jan. 16	Enactment of the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law (units depart for Indian Ocean on January 24, 25)	
	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)	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)	Jan. 25	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the Cost Sharing on the Stationing of U.S. forces in Japan signed		
	Feb. 17	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 2nd Kadena Air Base noise suit	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	Feb. 19	Collision between Aegis vessel MSDF and fishing boat		
	Feb. 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) — common strategic objectives confirmed	Aug. 29	U.S. Navy, deploys Aegis ships equipped with SM-3 at Yokosuka naval facility	Feb. 20	U.S. Navy Aegis ship succeeds in shooting down out-of-control satellite outside the earth's atmosphere with an SM-3		
	Mar. 08	"ROK's Government protest over Asahi Shimbun aircraft approaching Takeshima without authorization"	Aug. 29	The Council Meeting on Measures for Relocation of Futenma Air Station established, and its first meeting held	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)		
	Mar. 14	National People's Congress adopts "Anti-Secession Law"	Sep. 20	Chinese Navy performs joint search and rescue exercises with U.S. Navy (sea around San Diego)	Mar. 14	Demonstration by Buddhist monks in the regional capital of Lhasa in the Tibet Autonomous Region, China		
	Mar. 14	A Japanese boat attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew abducted (Released on March 20)	Sep. 26	Abe Cabinet established; Kyuma becomes Minister of State for Defense	Mar. 18	Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"		
	Mar. 16	Shimane Prefecture establishes "Takeshima Day"	Oct. 09	North Korea conducts an underground nuclear test	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)		
	Mar. 25	Cabinet decision adopted on Basic Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians	Oct. 13	Sanctions implemented against North Korea, which announced that it had conducted a nuclear weapon test	Apr. 24	Announcement by U.S. Government that North Korea assisted with the construction by Syria of nuclear facilities destroyed in an air attack		
	Apr. 25	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the railroad accident on JR West's Fukuchiyama Line	Dec. 19	U.N. General Assembly adopts draft resolution condemning abduction of foreign citizens by North Korea	May 12	M7.8 earthquake occurs in Sichuan Province, China		
	Jul. 14	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry announces permission granted to Teikoku Oil for trial drilling in the East China Sea	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)	May 30	The Convention on Cluster Munitions is adopted at an international conference in Dublin	
	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)	Jan. 09	Kyuma becomes Minister of Defense	Jun. 24	First visit of MSDF vessel to China (through June 28)		
	Sep. 09	First China-Russia joint military exercises "Peace Mission 2005" (through August 25)	Jan. 12	China conducts an anti-satellite test	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		

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2008	Jun. 26	North Korea submits its nuclear program	2009	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)	2010	Dec. 17	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2011 and Beyond and the Mid-term Defense Program (FY2011 to FY2015)	
	Jun. 26	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 1st Futenma Air Station noise suit		Sep. 16	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Kitazawa becomes Minister of Defense		2011	Jan. 11	China conducts test flight of fighter aircraft touted as the next-generation stealth aircraft
	Jul. 07	G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit (through July 9)		Sep. 17	U.S. President Obama announces review of MD deployment in Europe		Jan. 14	U.N. Security Council chairman's statement concerning the conclusion of the UNMIN mandate is adopted	
	Jul. 12	Publication of the Press Communique of the Heads of Delegation Meeting of the Sixth Round of the Six-Party Talks		Sep. 30	M7.6 earthquake occurs off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia		Jan. 14	Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet (second term)	
	Jul. 15	Report by the Council for Reforming the Ministry of Defense released		Oct. 01	China conducts 60th Anniversary Military Parade		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)	
	Jul. 17	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit		Oct. 05	SDF units dispatched to aid international disaster relief activities after the Padang earthquake in Indonesia (through October 17)		Jan. 27	Supreme Court renders judgement in 2nd Kadena Air Base noise suit	
	Aug. 02	Inauguration of reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet; Hayashi becomes Minister of Defense		Oct. 27	1st Ministry of Defense Policy Meeting		Jan. 28	Prime Minister Kan attends the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Davos meeting) (through January 30)	
	Aug. 08	Russian Armed Forces intervene in military clashes between Georgian and South Ossetian forces		Nov. 10	Destroyer collides with ROK cargo ship in the Kammon Straits		Feb. 04	The United States releases "National Security Space Strategy" (NSSS)	
	Aug. 10	Armed groups attack public security facilities in Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, China		Nov. 11	North and South Korean ships engage in fire in the Yellow Sea		Feb. 05	New START comes into effect	
	Aug. 29	TRDI receives prototype of next-generation fixed-wing patrol aircraft XP-1 no. 1		Nov. 11	Government Revitalization Unit "project screening" (through November 27)		Feb. 08	The United States releases the "National Military Strategy"	
	Sep. 09	U.S. President G.W. Bush announces reduction of U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and increase of troops in Afghanistan		Nov. 12	Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Emperor of Japan's coronation		Feb. 22	Iranian naval ships pass through Suez Canal	
	Sep. 24	Aso Cabinet established; Hamada becomes Minister of Defense		Nov. 23	Deployment Surface Force for Counter Piracy Enforcement (DSPE) receives the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea		Feb. 23	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in New Zealand (through March 3)	
	Sep. 25	Commissioning of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington		Dec. 01	Libson treaty comes into effect		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	
	Sep. 25	China launches a manned spacecraft "Shenzhou 7," and conducts successful extravehicular activity for the first time		Dec. 03	Tokyo High Court rejects appeal by MSDF Lieutenant Commander in Aegis information leakage case (appeal to Supreme Court)		Mar. 11	Great East Japan Earthquake strikes	
	Oct. 03	U.S. DoD informs Congress of sale of PACV-3s, AH-64Ds, attack helicopters, etc., to Taiwan		Dec. 05	START I lapses		Mar. 11	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (through August 31)	
	Oct. 10	U.S. removes North Korea from its list of state sponsors of terrorism		Dec. 17	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on the build-up of defense capability for FY2010		Mar. 12	Nuclear disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (through December 26)	
	Oct. 19	Four Chinese naval warships including a destroyer sail through Tsugaru Strait for the first time		2010	Jan. 11		China announces that it has performed missile interception test	Mar. 16	Cabinet decisions adopted on first disaster call-up of SDF reserve personnel and ready reserve personnel in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake
	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			Jan. 12		M7 earthquake occurs in Haiti	Mar. 16	Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch GSDP ready reserve personnel and reserve personnel (through August 31)
	Oct. 24	SDF personnel dispatched to United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) (through September 30, 2011)			Jan. 17		Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in Haiti (February 14, operation completed)	Mar. 17	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1973 allowing use of force against Libya
	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. 19		"2+2" joint statement on the 50th anniversary of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Mar. 19	The coalition force led by the U.S., U.K., and France commence military operations against Libya
Dec. 02	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1846 on countering piracy off the coast of Somalia	Jan. 29	First test flight of Russian fifth-generation fighter PAK FA		Apr. 05	U.S. President Obama gives speech in Prague			
Dec. 03	Convention on Cluster Munitions signed	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)		Apr. 11	Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake established			
Dec. 20	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2005-FY2009)	Feb. 27	U.S. announces "Quadrennial Defense Review" (QDR) and "Ballistic Missile Defense Review" (BMDR)		Apr. 15	Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch MSDF and ASDF reserve personnel (through August 31)			
Dec. 23	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		Apr. 27	Partial revision to the Environmental Improvement Law (extended target projects for subsidies to improve the environment surrounding specified defense facilities)			
Dec. 26	Chinese naval fleet of three destroyers sets off to Somalia for escort mission	Mar. 11	ASDF Hyakuri Base, joint civilian use of runway		May 02	U.S. President Obama announces the killing of Osama bin Laden, leader of the international terrorist organization Al-Qaeda			
2009	Jan. 08	ASDF deploys F-15s to Okinawa (Hyakuri)	Mar. 26		ROK naval patrol ship "Cheonan" sank in the Yellow Sea by a torpedo attack from a North Korean submarine	Jun. 01	SDF activity base in Djibouti initiates operation		
	Jan. 15	Ministry of Defense decides on "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space"	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)	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"		
	Jan. 27	Japanese fishing boat No. 38 Yoshimaru caught by Russian Coast Guard in Sea of Japan	Apr. 01		Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of GSDP students)	Jun. 22	U.S. President Obama announces guidelines to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan		
	Jan. 31	Provisional government in Somalia, Ahmed elected as new president	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)	Jun. 24	Exercise of the Basic Act on Reconstruction		
	Feb. 10	Order issued relating to the conclusion of withdrawal duties for the Iraq Reconstruction Support Group by the redeployment group	Apr. 06		U.S. announces "Nuclear Posture Review" (NPR)	Jun. 28	First meeting of the headquarters for reconstruction measures		
	Feb. 17	Signing of the "Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam"	Apr. 12		1st Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C., through April 13)	Jul. 08	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1996 to establish UNMISS		
	Feb. 17	U.S. President Obama decides to increase the number of troops dispatched to Afghanistan by approximately 17,000	May 01		Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to foot and mouth disease in Miyazaki Prefecture (through July 27)	Jul. 09	Independence of the Republic of South Sudan		
	Feb. 27	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 2nd Kadena Air Base noise suit	May 19		Signing of Japan-Australia ACSA	Jul. 11	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1997 to terminate UNMIS		
	Mar. 06	U.S.-Russia Foreign Ministers' Meeting, agreement to "reset" bilateral relations (Geneva)	May 23		MOD/SDF participate in Pacific Partnership 2010 (through July 15)	Jul. 14	U.S. DoD releases "Department of Defense Strategy for Operating in Cyberspace"		
	Mar. 13	Cabinet decision adopted on Anti-Piracy Measures Law	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"	Aug. 10	Conducts its first navigation Chinese aircraft carrier Varyag		
	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 27		U.S. announces "National Security Strategy" (NSS)	Aug. 24	The Chinese fisheries patrol ships enter Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands		
	Mar. 13	2 MSDF ships are dispatched to protect vessels with ties to Japan from the piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden	May 28	Joint Statement of Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2")	Sep. 02	Noda Cabinet established; Ichikawa becomes Minister of Defense			
	Mar. 27	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued	Jun. 08	Kan Cabinet established	Sep. 09	24 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait			
	Mar. 30	MSDF ships begin escort missions for the purpose of protecting Japan-affiliated vessels from the piracy	Jun. 09	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1929 regarding additional sanction on Iran	Sep. 19	Detection of cyber attacks against defense industry			
	Apr. 03	Foreign Minister Nakasone signs Status of Forces Agreement with Djibouti	Jun. 25	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-Nato Information Security Agreement	Sep. 27	Japan-Philippines Summit (Tokyo), Japan-Philippines joint statement made			
	Apr. 05	North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace	Jun. 28	Release of the U.S. "National Space Policy" (NSP)	Sep. 29	Chinese space laboratory "Tiangong 1" launched			
	Apr. 05	U.S. President Obama delivers speech in Prague	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)	Sep. 30	Cabinet decisions adopted on "Promotion of the operational Quasi-Zenith Satellite System project" and "Promoting development and utilization of aerospace"			
	Apr. 06	SDF action order for termination of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued	Jul. 13	Cabinet decision adopted on "Act on the Preservation of the Law-Water Line and Development of Basic Infrastructure of Remote Islands for Maintaining and Promoting Utilization of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf"	Oct. 10	ATR to Guam as part of the U.S. Forces realignment (through October 28)			
	Apr. 10	Supreme Court renders judgement in 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit	Jul. 29	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 1st Futenma Air Station noise suit	Oct. 11	Supreme Court renders judgement in 1st Futenma Air Station noise suit			
	May 04	1st ARF Disaster Relief Training (Philippines)	Aug. 01	Coming into effect of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	Oct. 24	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-France Information Security Agreement			
May 15	Order issued for P-3C to be dispatched to Djibouti for counter-piracy activities off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden	Aug. 31	Air transport activities by helicopter in aid of flood disaster in Pakistan (through October 10)	Oct. 31	NATO ends operations in Libya				
May 19	"Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam" comes into force	Sep. 07	Release of the "Future Direction of Procurement Reform" by the Comprehensive Procurement Reform Promotion Committee	Nov. 15	Cabinet decision adopted 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)				
May 25	North Korea conducts the underground nuclear test	Sep. 07	Chinese fishing boat collides with Japan Coast Guard patrol vessel in waters near the Senkaku Islands	Nov. 22	Six Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean				
Jun. 02	Basic Plan for Space Policy formulated	Sep. 10	Cabinet decision adopted on 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)	Dec. 18	Completion of U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq				
Jun. 11	Commencement of warning and surveillance flights in the Gulf of Aden by P-3Cs	Sep. 17	Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet	Dec. 20	Decision made by the Security Council and seconded by the Cabinet regarding "acquisition of the next-generation fighter aircraft"				
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	Dec. 20	Cabinet Decision on dispatching engineer units, etc. for United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (deployed from January 11, 2012) (Operation completed on May 31, 2017)				
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)	Dec. 27	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on Guidelines for Overseas Transfer of Defense Equipment etc.				
Jul. 14	Ratification of Convention on Cluster Munitions	Oct. 19	The United Kingdom releases "Strategic Defence and Security Review" (SDSR)	Dec. 28	Environmental impact statement for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture (through January 6, 2012)				
Jul. 17	Announcement of Law Concerning the Prohibition of Manufacture of Cluster Munitions and Regulation of their Possession	Nov. 01	Russian President Medvedev visits the Kunashiri Island	2012	Jan. 05	U.S. announces the defense strategic guidance			
Jul. 24	Anti-Piracy Measures Law enacted, Order issued for anti-piracy operations	Nov. 19	NATO adopts New Strategic Concept		Jan. 11	1st Advance unit for UNMISS starts departing Japan			
Jul. 28	The exterior of the body of oil tanker "M. STAR" damaged in an explosion at the Straits of Hormuz	Nov. 23	North Korea shells the ROK's Yeonpyeong island		Jan. 13	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet; Tanaka becomes Minister of Defense			
Jul. 31	Completion of withdrawal of non-American multinational forces from Iraq	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		Feb. 10	Establishment of the Reconstruction Agency			
					Mar. 16	Chinese government ship "Haijian" enters Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands			
				Mar. 26	Transfer of ASDF Air Defense Command to Yokota Air Base				
				Mar. 27	Prime Minister Noda attends the Nuclear Security Summit				

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2012	Mar. 30	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated April 13)	2013	Jul. 13	Chinese naval fleets sail through Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk	2014	May 19	U.S. Department of Justice indicts Chinese PLA officers and others for conducting cyber attacks	
	Apr. 13	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"		Jul. 22	China Coast Guard sign put up		May 20	China-Russia joint maritime military exercise "Naval Interaction 2014" (East China Sea) (through May 26)	
	Apr. 13	Kim Jong-un becomes the First Chairman of the National Defense Commission		Jul. 24	Chinese early warning aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean for the first time		May 21	Yokohama District Court renders judgement in 4th Atsugi Air Base noise suit	
	Apr. 17	Ten-month extension of SDF dispatch to support the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (through February 28, 2013)		Aug. 21	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean		May 24	Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft	
	Apr. 27	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee "2+2" joint statement		Aug. 22	Russian bombers intrude into Japan's airspace		May 27	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2155 that extends UNMISS mandate and limits it to four areas including civilian protection, etc.	
	Apr. 29	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean		Aug. 27	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		May 31	Prime Minister Abe and Defense Minister Onodera attend 13th Asia Security Summit (held by IISS) (Singapore)	
	May 17	Signing of the Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement		Aug. 30	"Direction of the MOD Reform" released		Jun. 07	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
	Jun. 04	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (second term); Morimoto becomes Minister of Defense		Sep. 01	Council on Security and Defense Capabilities holds first meeting		Jun. 11	Japan-Australia "2+2" (Tokyo)	
	Jul. 01	26 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait (through July 2)		Sep. 08	Chinese bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island		Jun. 11	Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft	
	Jul. 03	First PSI Air Interdiction Exercise hosted by Japan (Hokkaido, through July 5)		Sep. 09	Unmanned aircraft (presumed) of unidentified nationality flies over the East China Sea		Jun. 19	Strategy on Defense Production and Technological Bases released	
	Jul. 11	Three vessels of Chinese Fishery Law Enforcement Command (FLEC) enter Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands		Sep. 10	1st meeting of MOD/SDF Special Action Committee on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games held		Jun. 21	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (response to early retirement system)	
	Jul. 12	One FLEC vessel enters Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands		Sep. 27	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2118 on elimination of Syrian chemical weapons		Jun. 29	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	
	Jul. 12	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Law for Establishment of Cabinet Office		Oct. 03	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2", Tokyo)		Jun. 29	ISIL declares establishment of "Islamic State" and caliphate	
	Aug. 10	South Korean President Lee Myung-bak visits Takeshima		Oct. 03	Signing of the "Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam"		Jul. 01	Cabinet decision adopted on "Development of Seamless Security Legislation to Ensure Japan's Survival and Protect its People"	
	Sep. 07	"Toward Stable and Effective Use of Cyberspace by the MOD/JSDF" is released		Oct. 16	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon No. 26 (through November 8)		Jul. 08	Japan-Australia Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed	
	Sep. 11	Government's purchase of the three Senkaku Islands		Oct. 23	Five Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		Jul. 09	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	
	Sep. 23	SDF dispatch to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) ended		Oct. 23	Five Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		Jul. 13	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	
	Sep. 25	The first Chinese aircraft carrier "Liaoning" commissioned		Oct. 30	Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean		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)	
	Oct. 01	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (third term)		Nov. 08	Typhoon No. 30 Haiyan hit Leyte Island, Philippines		Aug. 01	North Korea launches a ballistic missile	
	Oct. 16	Seven Chinese warships pass through the waters between the Yonaguni Island and the Nakanokami Island for the first time		Nov. 12	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to typhoon disaster in the Philippines (through December 18)		Aug. 06	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.)	
	Nov. 26	Promulgation and partial enforcement (regarding Japan-U.S. ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.		Nov. 15	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) decides on detailed terms of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, etc.		Aug. 06	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall in Yamaguchi Prefecture (through August 8)	
	Dec. 04	Launch of capacity building program in East Timor		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		Aug. 8	U.S. Central Command begins airstrikes on ISIL in Northern Iraq	
	Dec. 07	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated December 12)		Nov. 23	China announces establishment of the "East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone"		Aug. 10	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Kochi Prefecture (through August 14)	
	Dec. 12	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"		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		Aug. 12	Russian Armed Forces conduct exercises in the Northern Territories and Chishima Islands	
	Dec. 13	A Chinese aircraft violates Japanese airspace for the first time (airspace surrounding the Senkaku Islands)		Dec. 04	National Security Council established		Aug. 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Fukushima City, Kyoto Prefecture	
	Dec. 26	Inauguration of second Abe Cabinet; Onodera becomes Minister of Defense		Dec. 08	The ROK announces establishment of new Air Defense Identification Zone		Aug. 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Tamba City, Hyogo Prefecture	
	Dec. 31	UNMIT ends		Dec. 13	Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets promulgated		Aug. 19	Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to U.S. Forces' patrol aircraft	
	2013	Jan. 16		Abduction of Japanese nationals in Algeria	Dec. 15		Chinese lunar probe successfully achieves soft lunar landing	Aug. 20	Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture (through September 11)
		Jan. 19		A Chinese naval vessel may direct fire-control radar at a helicopter based on a JMSDF destroyer	Dec. 15		Chinese lunar probe successfully achieves soft lunar landing	Aug. 28	MOD formulates "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space (revised)"
		Jan. 20		SDF dispatch to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (JNDOF) ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	Dec. 17		Confrontations occur between forces aligned with the president and forces aligned with the former vice president	Sep. 01	Japan-India summit meeting (Tokyo); "Tokyo Declaration for Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership"
		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. 17		National Security Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on "National Security Strategy," "National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2014 and beyond," and "Medium Term Defense Program (FY2014-FY2018)"	Sep. 03	Eto becomes Minister of Defense
		Jan. 23		Australia announces the National Security Strategy	Dec. 23		Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean	Sep. 03	Inauguration of the second Abe Cabinet
		Jan. 25		Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on build-up of defense capability for FY2013	Dec. 23		Second Russian Borey-class SSBN commissioned (incorporated into Pacific Fleet)	Sep. 10	U.S. President Obama announces strategy to counter ISIL
Jan. 25		"Basic Plan on Space Policy" is decided by the Strategic Headquarters for Space Development	Dec. 27	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture approves application for public water reclamation for the Futema Replacement Facility construction project	Sep. 11	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Ebetsu City, Hokkaido (through September 13)			
Jan. 27		China announces that it has performed missile interception test	2014	Jan. 01	Entry into force of the Japan-U.K. Information Security Agreement	Sep. 18	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2177 on Ebola virus disease countermeasures; UNNEER's establishment is announced		
Jan. 30		A Chinese vessel directs fire-control radar at a JMSDF destroyer in the East China Sea	Jan. 07	National Security Secretariat launched	Sep. 19	Russia begins large-scale exercise "Vostok 2014" (through September 25)			
Jan. 31		Three Chinese vessels sail northeast of Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean	Jan. 15	Collision accident between transport vessel and fishing vessel in the Hiroshima Bay	Sep. 22	The United States and other coalition countries begin airstrikes on ISIL in Syria			
Jan. 31		Japan-Australia ACSA enters into force	Jan. 22	Committee for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of Bases on Okinawa established	Sep. 26	Prime Minister Abe attends U.N. Summit Meeting on UN Peacekeeping Operations (New York)			
Jan. 31		Partial enforcement (regarding Japan-Australia ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Jan. 28	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2134 approving deployment of EU units to Central Africa	Sep. 27	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of Mt. Ontake (through October 16)			
Feb. 01		Partial enforcement (regarding pilot allowance) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Feb. 14	Council for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of MCAS Futenma on Okinawa established	Sep. 29	Afghanistan's new government is launched			
Feb. 07		Russian fighters intrude into Japan's airspace	Feb. 15	Disaster relief teams dispatched after heavy snowfall disaster (through February 23)	Oct. 03	Cabinet decision adopted on "Establishment of the Headquarters for Creating a Society where All Women Shine"			
Feb. 12		North Korea's underground nuclear test	Mar. 01	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	Oct. 26	Air Review commemorating the 60th anniversary of the MOD/SDF			
Feb. 15		First meeting of a panel of experts on the establishment of a Japanese National Security Council (NSC)	Mar. 03	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	Nov. 16	Candidate Obama defeats incumbent Governor Nakaima in Okinawa gubernatorial election			
Feb. 20		Naha District Court renders judgment on Henoko environmental assessment case	Mar. 04	The United States releases QDR, releases FY2014 budget proposal	Nov. 21	"Global Hawk" is decided as the model of unmanned aerial vehicle			
Feb. 23		Meeting between U.S. President Obama and Prime Minister Abe	Mar. 11	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the missing Malaysian Airplane (through April 28)	Nov. 23	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to an earthquake with an epicenter in northern Nagano Prefecture			
Mar. 01		Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on participation of Japan's industries in the production of the F-35A	Mar. 18	Russian "annexation" of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea	Nov. 24	ROK Armed Forces conduct military drill in waters near Takeshima			
Mar. 15		SDF dispatch for the MINUSTAH mission ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	Mar. 19	A submarine seen navigating underwater in Japan's contiguous zone (waters east of Miyako Island)	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)			
Mar. 22		Entry into force of Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement	Mar. 24	Prime Minister Abe attends 3rd Nuclear Security Summit (Hague, through March 25)	Dec. 01	SDF personnel dispatched to NATO for the first time			
Mar. 26		Partial enforcement (regarding shift of Air Rescue Wing's affiliation) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Mar. 26	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	Dec. 01	Russia establishes the Northern Joint Strategic Command			
Mar. 30		Four Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean	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.	Dec. 04	Five Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean			
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	Apr. 01	Cabinet decision adopted on "Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology"	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			
Apr. 26		Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"	Apr. 10	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2149 approving PKO deployment to Central Africa	Dec. 06	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy snowfall in Tokushima Prefecture (through December 11)			
Apr. 29		France releases "White Paper on Defence and National Security"	Apr. 14	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the bird flu outbreak in Kumamoto Prefecture (through April 16)	Dec. 10	Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets enters into force			
May 07		Two Chinese vessels sail northeast of the Yonaguni Island to the Pacific Ocean	Apr. 28	U.S. and Philippines sign Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA)	Dec. 19	Joint Statement of the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2)			
May 27		Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	May 02	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	Dec. 24	Inauguration of the third Abe Cabinet, Nakatani becomes Minister of Defense			
Jun. 18		Afghanistan starts final phase of transition of security responsibilities from the International Security Assistance Force	May 07	Collision and confrontation between Chinese and Vietnamese vessels occur	Dec. 24	Arms Trade Treaty comes into effect			
Jul. 04		Signing of the Japan-U.K. Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Arms and Military Technologies and the Japan-U.K. Information Security Agreement	May 14	"Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam" comes into force	Dec. 26	Deployment of U.S. Forces TYPY-2 ("X-band radar") to Kyogamisaki is completed			
Jul. 05		China-Russia joint naval exercise. "Naval Interaction 2013" (through July 11)	May 15	The Advisory Panel on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security submits its report	Dec. 31	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to disappearance of AirAsia plane (through January 11)			

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2015	Jan. 15		Jan.01 NATO begins "Resolute Support Mission"
	Jan. 15	Jan.09 "Basic Plan on Space Policy" is decided by the Strategic Headquarters for Space Development	Jan.02 ISIL releases video of Japanese hostages (videos of the murder of the Japanese nationals subsequently released on January 24 and February 1)
	Jan. 18	Jan. 17 Japan-Jordan summit meeting (Amman)	Jan.07 Shooting incident against a publisher (Charlie Hebdo), etc. in Paris
	Jan. 18	Jan. 18 Japan-Israel summit meeting (Jerusalem, through January 19)	Jan.09 African Union decides to establish a Multinational Joint Task Force against Boko Haram
	Jan. 18	Feb.09 Japan-Thailand summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.02 U.S. President Obama presents his budget for FY2016
	Jan. 19	Feb. 10 Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.06 The United States releases "National Security Strategy" (NSS)
	Jan. 21	Feb. 10 Japan-Qatar summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 12 Minsk agreement II (German, French, Russian, and Ukrainian leaders agree on new ceasefire agreement)
	Jan. 21	Feb. 27 Japan-Poland summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 13 Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Jan. 29	Mar.06 Japan-Laos summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 14 China's intelligence gathering aircraft flies between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (February 15)
	Jan. 29	Mar.09 Japan-Germany summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 26 Saudi Arabia begins airstrikes on Houthis in Yemen
	Jan. 29	Mar.20 The Ruling Coalition on the Development of Security Legislation presents "Concrete Vision for the Development of Security Legislation"	Mar.02 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Feb.02	Mar.23 Japan-Indonesia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 18 An armed group attacks Bardo Museum in Tunisia (three Japanese nationals killed)
		Mar.24 Japan-New Zealand summit meeting (Tokyo)	Apr.02 EU3+3 and Iran agree on "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action"
		Mar.27 Japan-Portugal summit meeting (Tokyo)	Apr.23 U.S. DoD releases "The DoD Cyber Strategy"
	Feb.08	Apr. 28 Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Apr.26 ASEAN Summit (Kuala Lumpur) (through April 27)
		May 13 Japan-Belgium summit meeting (Tokyo)	May 08 U.S. DoD releases "Annual Report to Congress: Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China"
	Feb.20	May 14 Cabinet decision on "Bill for the Development of Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Bill"	May 09 North Korea announces SLBM launch test was conducted successfully
	Mar. 13	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 Sidel Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"	May 11 China-Russia naval combined exercise Joint Sea 2015 (I) is held (Mediterranean Sea) (through May 21)
	Mar. 13	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 Sidel Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"	May 21 Two Chinese 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)
	Mar. 13	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 Sidel Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"	May 25 Signing of India-Vietnam Joint Vision Statement on Defense Cooperation (Vietnamese Minister of National Defence visits India)
	Mar. 14	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 Sidel Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"	May 26 China releases defense white paper, "China's Military Strategy"
	Mar. 20	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 Sidel Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"	Jun. 12 Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar. 30	May 20 Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul.01 U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dempsey releases National Military Strategy
	Apr.08	May 25 Japan-Malaysia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul.07 Oral arguments in the South China Sea arbitral tribunal proceedings instituted by the Philippines (The Hague) (through July 13)
	Apr.21	May 29 Japan-EU Summit (Tokyo)	Jul. 18 Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
		Jun.04 Japan-Philippines summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul. 29 China's intelligence gathering aircraft, early warning aircraft, and two bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (July 30)
	Apr.27	Jun.07 Japan-France summit meeting (Germany)	Aug.01 Russia creates Aerospace Force by merging the Air Force and Aerospace Defense Forces
	Apr.27	Jun.07 Japan-Germany summit meeting (Germany)	Aug.05 France and Russia agree to annual agreement on France's delivery of two Mistral-class amphibious assault ships
	Apr.27	Jun.08 Japan-U.K. summit meeting (Germany)	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).
	Apr.28	Jun.11 Naha District Court's Okinawa Branch renders judgment in 3rd Futenma Air Station noise suit	Aug. 20 Shelling incident occurs between North Korea and the ROK
	Apr.30	Jul. 30 Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 4th Atsugi Air Facility noise suit	Aug. 20 U.S. DoD submits Asia-Pacific Maritime Security Strategy to Congress
	Apr.30	Aug.03 Japan-Italy summit meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 22 Russian Prime Minister Medvedev visits Etorofu Island
		Sep. 15 Japan-Vietnam summit meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 25 Agreement on inter-Korean joint press statement (August 25 agreement)
		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 Councillors plenary session	Aug. 26 Signing of agreement on the resolution of the conflict in South Sudan
	May 29	Sep. 26 Prime Minister Abe visits the United States (through September 29)	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. 27 Japan-Qatar summit meeting (New York)	Sep.15 Presumed Russian aircraft intrudes into Japanese territorial airspace over the coast of the Nemuro Peninsula
		Sep. 27 Japan-Iran summit meeting (New York)	Sep.30 Russia's second Borey-class SSBN Alexander Nevsky arrives in Kamchatka
		Sep. 28 Japan-Russia summit meeting (New York)	Sep.30 Russia begins airstrikes on ISIL forces, etc. in Syrian territory
	May 31	Sep. 28 Japan-Ukraine summit meeting (New York)	Oct.03 Shooting attack in Bangladesh (one Japanese national is killed; ISIL Bangladesh claims responsibility for the attack in a statement)
	May 31	Sep. 28 Japan-Bangladesh summit meeting (New York)	Oct. 10 North Korea holds commemorative event of the 70th anniversary of the Korean Workers' Party (KWP)
	May 31	Sep. 28 Japan-Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (New York)	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
Jun.03	Sep. 29 Signing of the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Environmental Stewardship relating to the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, Supplementary to the Status of U.S. Forces Agreement (SOFJA)	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)	
Jun.07	Oct.05 Japan-France summit meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 31 A Russian jetliner crashes in the Sinai Peninsula, killing all passengers and crewmembers. ISIL's Sinai Province claims responsibility for the incident.	
Jun.29	Oct.06 Japan-Sri Lanka summit meeting (Tokyo)	Nov.03 ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) (Kuala Lumpur) (through November 4)	
Jul.03	Oct.07 Inauguration of the third reshuffled Abe Cabinet	Nov.07 China and Taiwan hold first summit meeting since their split	
Jul.03	Oct.08 Japan-Turkey summit meeting (Tokyo)	Nov.08 Myanmar general election (opposition party NLD wins majority)	
Aug.18	Oct.15 Yamaguchi District Court's Iwakuni Branch renders judgment in 1st Iwakuni Air Base noise suit	Nov.13 A Chinese Navy AGI repeatedly conducts east-west passages near the contiguous zone south of the Senkaku Islands (through November 12)	
Sep.01	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"	Nov.13 Terror attacks in Paris, France. ISIL France claims responsibility for the attacks in a statement.	
Sep.01	Oct.28 Written notice regarding start of construction work related to Futenma Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture	Nov.15 G20 Antalya Summit (Antalya, Turkey) (through November 16)	
Sep.10	Nov.01 Japan-China summit meeting (Seoul)	Nov.18 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Manila) (through November 19)	
Oct.01	Nov.02 Japan-ROK summit meeting (Seoul)	Nov.22 East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Summit (November 21-22)	
Oct.01	Nov.10 Japan-Netherlands summit meeting (Tokyo)	Nov.23 The United Kingdom releases "National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015" (NSS-SDSR 2015)	
Oct.18	Nov.13 Japan-Turkey summit meeting (Istanbul)	Nov.24 Oral arguments in the South China Sea arbitral tribunal proceedings instituted by the Philippines (The Hague) (through November 30)	
Oct.20	Nov.15 Japan-Australia summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Nov.24 CMC Reform Work Conference is held, and President Xi Jinping delivers address on the direction of military reforms (through November 26)	
Oct.23	Nov.15 Japan-EU summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Nov.24 Turkish Armed Forces shoots down Russian Armed Forces aircraft saying it violated Turkish airspace	
Oct.23	Nov.15 Japan-Russia summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Nov.27 China's four bombers and intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (Air Force spokesperson of China announces flight by PLA Air Force aircraft). At around the same time, four bombers and early warning aircraft conduct operations near the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island.	
Nov.03	Nov.16 Japan-Germany summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Dec.02 Shooting terror attack in California, United States	
Nov.03	Nov.16 Japan-Saudi Arabia summit meeting (Antalya, Turkey)	Dec.07 Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean	
Nov.04	Nov.19 Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Manila)	Dec.07 U.S. P-8 aircraft are deployed to Singapore (through December 14)	
Nov.04	Nov.26 Suit is instituted for "Case regarding retraction order request for revocation of the landfill permit based on provisions of Article 245-8, Paragraph 3 of the Local Autonomy Act" ("administrative suit")	Dec.13 Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
Nov.06	Dec.04 Japan-U.S. Joint Press Release "Implementation of Bilateral Plans for Consolidating Facilities and Areas in Okinawa"	Dec.16 The United States decides to sell weapons including two missile frigates to Taiwan and notifies Congress	
Nov.12	Dec.12 Japan-Georgia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Dec.21 Two Russian bombers conduct flight along the perimeter of Japan	
Nov.22	Dec.12 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sydney)	Dec.23 A Chinese Navy AGI repeatedly conducts northeast-southwest passages near the contiguous zone southeast of the Boso Peninsula (through December 26)	
Dec.04	Dec.18 Japan-Czech Republic Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Dec.24 Russia-India joint statement (includes cooperation on military technology, joint development of military equipment, etc.)	
Dec.12		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.12		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.17		Dec.31 China announces its first domestic aircraft carrier is being built in Dalian, Liaoning Province	
Dec.17		Dec.31 China establishes PLA Army Headquarters, Rocket Force, and Strategic Support Force	
Dec.17		Dec.31 Russia revises National Security Strategy	
2016	Jan.06	Jan.04 Convocation of the 190th Ordinary Diet Session	Jan.01 U.S. bombers conduct low-level flight over the Osan Air Base in the ROK
	Jan.08	Jan.22 Cabinet decision on 5th Science and Technology Basic Plan	Jan.02 China conducts aircraft test flights to Fiyero Cross Reef (January 3 and 6)
	Jan.08	Jan.22 The New Special Measures Agreement (SMA) between Japan and the United States is signed	Jan.06 North Korea conducts fourth nuclear test which it called a "hydrogen bomb test"
	Jan.08	Jan.28 Council between the Government and Okinawa Prefecture is established	Jan.08 The ROK declares setting of new air defense identification zone. It also resumes loudspeaker broadcasts targeting North Korea.
Jan.09		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)	



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2016	Jan.09	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	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.12	Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise (command post exercise) (through February 2)	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.19	MOD/SDF participate in multinational exercise Cobra Gold 2016 (through February 19)	Feb.29	Japan-Egypt summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jan.16	Terror attacks occur in Jakarta, Indonesia. ISIL Indonesia claims responsibility for the attacks in a statement.
	Jan.25	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports due to heavy snowfall, etc. (through February 1)	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 245-8, Paragraph 3 of the Local Autonomy Act" ("administrative suit") and suspends landfill work	Jan.20	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.27	"X-2" is established as the Advanced Technology Demonstrator model	Mar.16	Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism issues correction instruction to Okinawa Prefecture for revocation of the landfill permit	Jan.21	Western countries lift sanctions against Iran related to its nuclear development program
	Jan.31	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of 9th Air Wing)	Mar.19	Signing of the Japan-Italy Information Security Agreement	Jan.21	Shooting terror attacks occur at a university in Pakistan
	Feb.03	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued	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.25	The United States begins airstrikes on ISIL in Afghanistan
	Feb.07	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference	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.08	SDF action order for termination of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued	Mar.31	Japan-U.S.-ROK summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jan.26	Two Russian bombers conduct flight along the perimeter of Japan
	Feb.10	Japan-U.S.-ROK Trilateral Joint Chiefs of Staff Video-Teleconference is held	Mar.31	Japan-ROK summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jan.27	Four Chinese vessels sail Tushima Strait northward
	Feb.12	State Defense Minister Wakamiya attends Munich Security Conference (through February 14)	Apr.01	Japan-Canada summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jan.30	A U.S. naval destroyer sails within 12 nautical miles of Triton Island, Paracel Islands in the South China Sea and conducts Freedom of Navigation Operation
	Feb.29	Japan-Philippines Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed (Manila)	Apr.01	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jan.31	China's intelligence gathering aircraft and early warning aircraft pass Tushima Strait for the first time through to the Sea of Japan
	Mar.16	20th Tokyo Defense Forum (Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region) is held (through March 18)	Apr.01	Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Space Policy"	Feb.01	Chinese Ministry of National Defense dismantles seven Military Regions and announces the establishment of five theaters of operations
	Mar.28	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of JGSDF Camp Yonaguni, etc.)	Apr.01	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Feb.02	Four Chinese vessels sail through Tsuguru Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar.30	Japan-Poland defense authorities' consultations	Apr.01	U.S. DoD submits "Annual Report: Military and Security Developments Involving the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" to Congress	Feb.04	A Chinese Navy AGI conducts round-trip northeast-southwest passages near the contiguous zone southeast of the Boso Peninsula (through February 8)
	Apr.06	U-125 accident	Apr.01	Japan-Estonia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.07	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"
	Apr.14	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake (through May 30)	Apr.08	Alleged murder case involving a civilian component member of the USFJ in Okinawa Prefecture	Feb.07	ROK decides to begin formal consultations on THAAD deployment by U.S. Forces Korea
	Apr.17	Cabinet decision regarding disaster relief call-up of ready reserve personnel in the wake of the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake	Apr.08	Japan-Russia summit meeting (Sochi)	Feb.09	U.S. President Obama presents his budget for FY2017
	Apr.17	Disaster relief call-up order for to ready reserve personnel is issued (through May 9)	May06	Japan-Kuwait summit meeting (Tokyo)	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.18	Disaster relief teams dispatched to remove fallen trees in Hiroo Town, Hiroo District, Hokkaido (through April 21)	May13	Japan-Canada summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb.11	North Korea declares the Kaesong Industrial Complex military control zone and expels all ROK nationals from the zone
	Apr.22	First flight of Advanced Technology Demonstrator (X-2)	May24	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Ise Shima)	Feb.12	U.S. DoD submits "Annual Report: Military and Security Developments Involving the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" to Congress
	Apr.23	Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs attends ADSOM Plus (Lao PDR) (through April 25)	May26	G7 Ise-Shima Summit (through May 27)	Feb.15	U.S.-ASEAN summit meeting (California) (through February 16)
	May02	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference	May27	U.S. President Obama visits Hiroshima	Feb.15	A submerged submarine sails Tushima Strait southwestward from the Sea of Japan to the East China Sea
	Jun.03	Defense Minister Nakatani attends 15th Asia Security Summit (held by ISS) (Singapore) (through June 5)	Jun07	Entry into force of the Japan-Italy Information Security Agreement	Feb.16	Locations of equipment deemed to be surface-to-air missile in Woody Island, Paracel Islands are confirmed
	Jun.04	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun.21	Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council announces ruling	Feb.17	Terror attack occurs in Ankara, Turkey
	Jun.04	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting and Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jul.1	U.S. returns FAC3162 Yugi Communication Site (Hachioji City, Tokyo)	Feb.25	Australia releases "2016 Defence White Paper"
	Jun.04	Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jul.14	Prime Minister Abe visits Mongolia and attends the 11th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Summit Meeting (through July 16)	Mar.07	U.S.-ROK Key Resolve and Foal Eagle combined exercise (through April 30)
	Jun.04	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jul.15	Japan-Germany summit meeting (Ulaanbaatar)	Mar.10	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Jun.04	Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. DoD and the Japanese MOD concerning Reciprocal Defense Procurement is signed	Jul.15	Japan-Bangladesh summit meeting (Ulaanbaatar)	Mar.18	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Jun.05	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jul.15	Japan-China summit meeting (Ulaanbaatar)	Mar.18	The United States and the Philippines agree to utilize five Philippine bases for carrying out defense cooperation based on the EDCA
	Jun.06	Defense Minister Nakatani visits Myanmar, Thailand, and Timor-Leste (through June 10)	Jul.15	Japan-EU summit meeting (Ulaanbaatar)	Mar.22	Terror bombing attacks occur in Brussels, Belgium
Jun.13	MOD/SDF participate in Pacific Partnership 2016 (through August 24)	Jul.15	Japan-Viet Nam summit meeting (Ulaanbaatar)	Mar.28	Two Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean	
Jun.28	Japan-U.S.-ROK missile warning exercise (PACIFIC DRAGON2016) (Hawaii)	Jul.16	Japan-Cambodia summit meeting (Ulaanbaatar)	Mar.31	U.S.-China summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	
Jun.29	FY2016 SDF Joint Exercise for Rescue (through July 8)	Jul.22	Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism files a suit with the Naha branch of the Fukuoka High Court seeking confirmation of the violation of law for the failure to act	Mar.31	Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C.) (through April 1)	
Jul.11	ASDF aircraft dispatched to Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to transport Japanese nationals overseas due to the situation deterioration in South Sudan (through July 26)	Aug.03	2nd Reshuffled 3rd Abe Cabinet is established	Apr.07	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
Jul.13	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Delhi)	Aug.25	Prime Minister Abe attends TICAD VI (6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development) and visits Nairobi in the Republic of Kenya (through August 29)	Apr.08	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
Aug.03	Inada becomes Minister of Defense	Sep.02	Japan-Kenya summit meeting (Nairobi)	Apr.17	North Korea launches a ballistic missile	
Aug.15	Japan-Djibouti Defense Ministerial Meeting (Djibouti)	Sep.02	Japan-Russia summit meeting (Vladivostok)	Apr.20	Chinese naval patrol aircraft lands in Fiery Cross Reef in Spratly Islands and evacuates sick people	
Aug.16	Japan-Pakistan Defense Dialogue	Sep.04	Japan-Egypt summit meeting (Hangzhou)	Apr.20	China's early warning aircraft flies between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean	
Aug.20	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Shibetsu City, Hokkaido	Sep.05	Japan-Brazil summit meeting (Hangzhou)	Apr.20	China releases images from President Xi Jinping's visit to the Central Military Commission Joint Operations Command Center	
Aug.23	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Biei Town, Kamikawa County, Hokkaido (through August 28)	Sep.05	Japan-China summit meeting (Hangzhou)	Apr.23	North Korea launches an SLBM	
Aug.23	FY2016 1st training of transport of Japanese nationals overseas	Sep.06	ASEAN-related summit meeting (Vientiane, Laos) (through September 9)	Apr.28	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	
Aug.25	Trainings for new duties based on the Legislation for Peace and Security begin	Sep.06	Japan-Philippines summit meeting (Vientiane); transfer of TC-90, etc. to the Philippines is officially agreed	Apr.29	Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan is established	
Aug.25	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep.06	Japan-Lao PDR summit meeting (Vientiane)	May02	China deploys landing ship to Fiery Cross Reef in the Spratly Islands	
Aug.26	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Akadaira City in Hokkaido (through August 27)	Sep.07	Summit meeting with the State Counsellor of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi (Vientiane)	May06	7th KWP Congress (through May 9)	
Aug.30	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall due to Typhoon 10 in Iwate Prefecture (through September 16)	Sep.07	Japan-Viet Nam summit meeting (Vientiane)	May10	A U.S. destroyer sails within 12 nautical miles of Fiery Cross Reef, Spratly Islands in the South China Sea as part of the "Freedom of Navigation Operation"	
Aug.31	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall due to Typhoon 10 in Hokkaido (through September 18)	Sep.07	Japan-Australia summit meeting (Vientiane)	May14	An expedition unit comprised of approximately 200 personnel led by the Deputy Commander of the Russian Pacific Fleet arrives in Matsushima Island of the Chishima Islands and subsequently begins survey activities	
Sep.01	Operational training by the MOD Disaster Countermeasures Headquarters	Sep.07	Japan-ROK summit meeting (Vientiane)	May17	A Chinese PLA fighter jet flies abnormally close to a U.S. Navy reconnaissance aircraft over the South China Sea	
Sep.02	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep.07	Japan-India summit meeting (Vientiane)	May19	Russia-ASEAN summit meeting (through May 20)	
Sep.03	Signing of memorandum of understanding on defense exchange between Japan and Saudi Arabia	Sep.16	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in favor of the central government in the suit seeking confirmation of the violation of law for the failure to act	May20	Tsai Ing-wen, Chairperson of DPP, becomes President of Taiwan	
Sep.03	ADMM-Plus Military Medicine and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Joint Exercise 2016 (Thailand) (through September 9)	Sep.19	Prime Minister Abe visits New York (through September 21)	May22	U.S. President Obama visits Vietnam (through May 25), fully lifts arms embargo on Vietnam	
Sep.08	State Minister of Defense Wakamiya attends UN PKO summit follow-up meeting (U.K.)	Sep.20	Japan-Qatar summit meeting (New York)	May23	China and Russia hold first joint missile defense exercise (through May 28)	
Sep.08	Japan-ROK Defense Vice-Ministerial Consultation Meeting (Seoul)	Sep.21	Third Japan-Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting	May24	ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) (through May 27)	
Sep.10	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference	Sep.21	Japan-Turkey summit meeting (New York)	May25	Hibatullah Akhundzadai as chosen as new Emir of the Taliban in Afghanistan	
Sep.12	First relocation of trainings of rotary-wing and tilt-rotor aircraft to outside of Okinawa Prefecture due to the realignment of U.S. Forces (through October 5)	Sep.21	Japan-Iran summit meeting (New York)	May31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile	
Sep.15	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Sep.21	Japan-Cuba summit meeting (Havana)	Jun.03	15th Shangri-La Dialogue (Singapore) (through June 5)	
Sep.20	8th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum (Sendai) (through September 21)	Sep.23	Okinawa Prefecture files an appeal with the Supreme Court regarding the suit seeking confirmation of the violation of law for the failure to act	Jun.06	8th U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (Beijing) (through June 7)	
Sep.21	Japan-Myanmar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep.23	Japan-Singapore summit meeting (Tokyo)	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	
		Oct.14	Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.07	New Zealand releases "Defence White Paper 2016"	
		Oct.19	Japan-Brazil summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.08	A Chinese naval combatant vessel enters the contiguous zone near the Senkaku Islands for the first time	
		Oct.26	Japan-Philippines summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.12	Shooting terror attack in Florida, United States	
		Oct.27	Japan-Jordan summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.14	Police workers are killed in Magnanville in western Paris	
		Oct.28	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Information Sharing Arrangement Meeting with State Counsellor of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi (Tokyo)	Jun.15	A Chinese naval intelligence gathering vessel sails in Japan's territorial waters near Kuchinoerabu Island and Yakushima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture and then sails within Japan's contiguous zone north of Kitadaito Island. Subsequently, the vessel repeatedly conducts east-west passages outside the contiguous zone near the Senkaku Islands. (June 19 through 20)	
		Nov.02	Japan-Kazakhstan summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.16	Five Chinese naval vessels sail between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
		Nov.07	Ballot counting of U.S. presidential election	Jun.22	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	
		Nov.10	Prime Minister Abe has a Telephone conference with U.S. President-elect Trump	Jun.23	Group in favor of separation from EU wins national referendum in the U.K.	
		Nov.11	Japan-India summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.28	Bombing at Istanbul Airport in Turkey	
		Nov.14	Japan-Germany summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.30	The new Duterte administration is established in the Philippines	
		Nov.16	Japan-Malaysia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul.02	Australian federal election is held; Prime Minister Turnbull is to remain in office	
		Nov.17	Prime Minister Abe meets with U.S. President-elect Trump (New York)	Jul.02	Bangladeshi militants take hostages (7 Japanese nationals are killed); ISIL claims responsibility on the Internet	
				Jul.05	Chinese military exercise in South China Sea (through July 11)	
				Jul.07	Collision between the Sudan Armed Forces and anti-mainstream groups occurs in South Sudan's capital, Juba	
				Jul.08	The U.S. and ROK decide on the deployment of THAAD to U.S. Forces Korea	
				Jul.08	NATO Warsaw summit meeting (through July 9)	
				Jul.09	North Korea launches a submarine-launched ballistic missile	
				Jul.12	China conducts test flight over the Subi Reef and Mischief Reef (through July 13)	
				Jul.12	The arbitral tribunal renders a final award in which nearly all of the Philippines' submissions are ruled in favor of the Philippines with regard to arbitral proceedings pursuant to the South China Sea	
				Jul.13	Germany releases "Defense White Paper 2016"	
				Jul.15	Terror attack with a truck occurs in Nice, France	
				Jul.16	Coup d'etat attempt in Turkey fails	
				Jul.18	Chinese Air Force announces that it will be conducting combat patrol in the South China Sea on a regular basis	

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2016	Sep. 22		Incident in which passengers in a train are stabbed occurs near Würzburg in southern Germany
	Sep. 26		North Korea launches three ballistic missiles
	Oct. 08		Terror attack by a suicide bomber occurs near an open music festival in the State of Bavaria in southern Germany
	Oct. 14		South Sudan's First Vice President Machar is dismissed and replaced by Taban Deng
	Oct. 17		Hostage incident occurs in a church in Rouen in northern France
	Oct. 21		U.S. Forces begins airstrikes on ISIL-controlled regions in Sirte in northern Libya (through December 21)
	Oct. 22		North Korea launches two ballistic missiles (one of them fell into Japan's EEZ)
	Oct. 23		200 to 300 Chinese fishing vessels operate in the waters near the Senkaku Islands. Chinese government vessels intrude into Japan's territorial waters following the fishing vessels for the first time (total of 15 vessels in 5 days / through August 9)
	Oct. 27		Three Chinese naval vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Oct. 28		Three Chinese naval vessels sail west bound toward the Sea of Japan from the Sea of Okhotsk
	Oct. 30		U.S. Forces deploys B1B bombers to Guam
	Nov. 01		A Chinese early warning aircraft and two bombers fly over Tsushima and advance to the Sea of Japan
	Nov. 09		Three Chinese naval vessels pass through the Tsushima Strait in the southwestern direction
	Nov. 15		U.S.-ROK bilateral exercise "Ulchi Freedom Guardian" (through September 2)
	Nov. 15		North Korea launches a submarine-launched ballistic missile
	Nov. 16		Police officers are shot in Copenhagen, Denmark
	Nov. 16		G20 (Summit on the Financial Market and the World Economy) Hangzhou Summit (Hangzhou, China) (through September 5)
	Nov. 16		North Korea launches three ballistic missiles (fell into Japan's EEZ)
	Nov. 16		North Korea conducts its fifth nuclear test
	Nov. 16		China-Russia joint maritime exercise "Joint Sea 2016" (in the South China Sea) (through September 19)
	Nov. 16		Bombing in New York, U.S.
	Nov. 16		Four Chinese bombers, two intelligence gathering aircraft, and two fighter jets (probable) pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean (fighter jets [probable] are observed for the first time passing)
	Nov. 16		Third Russian Borey-class SSBN "Vladimir Monomakh" arrives in Kamchatka
	Nov. 16		U.S.-ASEAN Defense Ministerial Meeting (through October 1)
	Nov. 16		Indian Army announces it hit terrorist bases on the Pakistan side of the line of control in Kashmir (tensions remain)
	Nov. 25		The U.S. concludes Russian involvement in the Democratic National Committee cyber attacks
	Nov. 25		The U.S. lifts economic sanctions on Myanmar
	Nov. 25		Attack on a U.S. naval vessel occurs in the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen
	Nov. 28		King Bhumibol of Thailand passes away
	Nov. 28		North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Nov. 29		Operation to recapture ISIL-controlled Mosul begins
	Nov. 29		China launches manned spaceflight "Shenzhou 11"
	Nov. 30		U.S.-ROK foreign and defense ministerial meeting (2+2) (Washington, D.C.)
	Dec. 03		North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Dec. 07		Three Chinese naval vessels pass through the Osumi Strait and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Dec. 07		A U.S. destroyer sails around the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea as part of the "Freedom of Navigation Operation"
	Dec. 07		Sixth plenary session of the 18th Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party (through October 27)
	Dec. 09		China's early warning aircraft and intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Dec. 13		Battle in the City of Mosul begins
	Dec. 13		Presidential candidate Trump wins U.S. presidential election
	Dec. 13		Earthquake occurs in New Zealand
	Dec. 13		Russia deploys aircraft carrier "Kuznetsov" in combat for the first time in the history of the Russian Navy
	Dec. 13		The Russian Forces announces the deployment of surface-to-ship missile on the islands of Etorofu and Kunashiri
	Dec. 16		Peru APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (through November 20)
	Dec. 16		Russian patrol helicopter flies near Japan's airspace over the Senkaku Islands
	Dec. 16		Two bombers, two intelligence gathering aircraft, and two fighter jets fly over the sky between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island (four aircraft except the fighter jets fly from the south of Sakishima Islands)
	Dec. 19		Prince of Thailand's accession to the throne
Dec. 19		Two Chinese fighter jets, two bombers, and two intelligence gathering aircraft fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island (four aircraft except the fighter jets fly toward the Bashi Channel)	
Dec. 19		Vice Prime Minister English becomes Prime Minister of New Zealand	
Dec. 21		Capture of U.S. unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) by China in the South China Sea	
Dec. 21		UNMISS Mandate is extended for one year (December 15, 2017)	
Dec. 21		Libyan Government of National Accord declares the liberation of Sirte in Northern Libya from ISIL	
Dec. 22		Hostage situation occurs in a tourist site in Jordan	
Dec. 22		A truck drives into pedestrians in Berlin, Germany's capital	
Dec. 22		Russian Ambassador is murdered in Turkey's capital Ankara	
Dec. 22		Tsai Ing-wen, Chairperson of DPP, holds telephone conference with then U.S. President-elect Trump	
Dec. 22		Six Chinese naval vessels including an aircraft carrier sail between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance into the Pacific Ocean (first time a Chinese aircraft carrier is observed sailing into the Pacific Ocean)	
Dec. 27		"China's Space Activities in 2016" is released	
Dec. 27		Russia and Turkey-led ceasefire agreement between the Assad regime and the opposition parties takes effect in all regions of Syria (excluding ISIL, etc.)	
2017	Jan. 05		Chinese Navy announces its aircraft carrier "Liaoning" conducted training in the South China Sea
	Jan. 06		Chinese naval vessels sails through the Tsugaru Strait westward
	Jan. 06		Six Chinese bombers, an early warning aircraft, and an intelligence gathering aircraft fly over the Tsushima Strait and advance to the Sea of Japan
	Jan. 06		Chinese naval vessels sail through the Tsushima Strait
	Jan. 14		The ROK release "Defense White Paper 2016"
	Jan. 14		Trump becomes President of the U.S.
	Jan. 14		Two Russian bombers fly and circle around Japan
	Jan. 14		U.S. President Trump signs a memorandum on the rebuilding of the U.S. Forces
	Jan. 14		U.S. President Trump signs a memorandum requesting the establishment of comprehensive plans to destroy ISIL
	Jan. 16		Iran conducts test launch of a mid-range ballistic missile
	Jan. 16		U.S. Navy P-3 patrol aircraft and Chinese military aircraft fly abnormally close to each other (South China Sea)
	Jan. 16		North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Jan. 21		U.S. President Trump delivers address to Congress
	Jan. 21		U.S.-ROK joint military exercise (ROK) (through April 30)
	Jan. 21		U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson participates in the exercise
	Jan. 21		A Chinese early warning aircraft, six bombers (probable), and six fighter jets (probable) fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean (total of 13 aircraft, the largest fleet so far)
	Jan. 21		North Korea launches four ballistic missiles (three of them fell into Japan's EEZ)
	Jan. 21		President of the ROK Park Geun-hye is dismissed
	Jan. 26		The Trump administration submits the FY2018 budget blueprint to Congress
	Feb. 04		North Korea launches a ballistic missile
Feb. 04		An attack with a car occurs in central London, U.K.	
Feb. 04		Bombing occurs on subway in St. Petersburg, Russia	
Feb. 04		North Korea launches a ballistic missile	
Jan. 12		Japan-Philippines summit meeting (Manila)	
Jan. 14		Japan-Australia summit meeting (Sydney)	
Jan. 15		Japan-Indonesia summit meeting (Jakarta)	
Jan. 16		Japan-Viet Nam summit meeting (Hanoi)	
Jan. 16		Signing of the Agreement on Cooperation with regard to the Implementation Practices relating to the Civilian Component of the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, Supplementary to the Status of U.S. Forces Agreement (SOFA)	
Jan. 20		193rd session of the Diet is convened	
Jan. 28		Japan-U.S. summit telephone talk	
Jan. 28		Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Washington, D.C.)	
Feb. 10		Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 4th Kadena Air Base noise suit	
Feb. 23		First relocation of training involves Tilt-Rotor/Rotary wing aircraft to main land Japan from Okinawa Prefecture in the context of the realignment of U.S. Forces through March 17	
Mar. 06		Japan-Saudi Arabia summit meeting (Tokyo)	
Mar. 13		Japan-Mozambique summit meeting (Tokyo)	
Mar. 15		Japan-Germany summit meeting (Hannover)	
Mar. 20		Japan-France summit meeting (Paris)	
Mar. 21		Japan-EU summit meeting (Brussels)	
Mar. 21		Japan-Italy summit meeting (Rome)	
Mar. 21		Agreed to commence negotiation concerning the conclusion of Japan-Italy defense equipment and technology transfer agreement	
Mar. 27		Transfer of MSDF TC-90 to the Philippines	
Mar. 27		Completion of development of future transport aircraft (XC-2)	

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2017	Feb.04	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to bird flu in Kohoku Town, Kishima County in Saga Prefecture (through February 6)	Apr.04 Japan-Australia summit telephone talk	Apr.06 The U.S. launches strikes on Syria
	Feb.18	State Minister of Defense Wakamiya attends the 53rd Munich Security Conference (Munich)	Apr.06 Japan-U.S. summit telephone talk	Apr.16 North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Feb.20	Japan-Finland Vice-Ministerial Consultation	Apr.09 Japan-U.S. summit telephone talk	Apr.20 China launches its first unmanned cargo spacecraft "Tianzhou 1"
	Feb.22	Japan-Sweden Vice-Ministerial Consultation	Apr.12 Japan-Sri Lanka summit meeting (Tokyo)	Apr.26 China's first domestically built aircraft carrier is launched
	Mar.05	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the crash of rescue helicopter of Nagano Prefecture (through March 6)	Apr.13 100th Anniversary Ceremony of the America-Japan Society	Apr.29 North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Mar.07	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference	Apr.18 U.S. Vice President Pence pays courtesy call on Prime Minister Abe	May10 Moon Jae-in becomes President of the ROK
	Mar.07	Japan-India Vice-Ministerial Dialogue on defense policies	Apr.24 Japan-U.S. summit telephone talk	May14 North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Mar.09	Dispatch of MSDF personnel as commander of combined task force for counter-piracy (CTF151) (through late June)	Apr.27 Japan-Russia summit meeting (Moscow)	May14 Macron becomes President of France
	Mar.10	Termination of dispatch of SDF units to United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) is announced	Apr.28 Japan-U.K. summit meeting (U.K.)	May17 China hosts an international conference pertaining to "One Belt, One Road"
	Mar.14	Japan-U.S.-ROK trilateral exercise (ballistic missile information sharing exercise)	May11 Japan-ROK summit telephone talk	May17 Chinese fighter jets intercepts a U.S. military radiation-detecting aircraft (East China Sea)
	Mar.16	Conclusion of arrangements regarding Japan-U.K. joint study on the possibility of cooperation with the U.K. on future fighter jets	May17 Japan-New Zealand summit meeting (Tokyo)	May18 An object believed to be a small unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) flies over the front of the bridge of a Chinese government ship which is within Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands
	Mar.20	GPOI Capstone Multilateral Exercise (Nepal) (through April 3)	May19 Japan-Argentina summit meeting (Tokyo)	May19 Hassan Rowhani is re-elected as the President of Iraq
	Mar.20	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May22 Japan-Italy defense equipment and technology transfer agreement is signed	May21 North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Mar.24	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to bird flu in Kurihara City in Miyagi Prefecture (through March 27)	May26 Prime Minister Abe attends G7 Taormina Summit and visits Malta (through May 28)	May21 Terror attack by a suicide bomber occurs in Manchester, U.K.
	Mar.24	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to bird flu in Asahi City, Chiba Prefecture (through March 25)	May26 Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Taormina)	May23 The Trump administration submits FY2018 budget proposal to Congress with a 10% increase in defense budget
	Mar.24	Cabinet Decision on changes to "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for UNMISS"	May26 Japan-EU summit meeting (Taormina)	May23 Martial law is declared in Mindanao in the Philippines
	Mar.27	Disaster relief teams dispatched for rescue operations in response to an avalanche in Nasu Town, Nasu County in Tochigi Prefecture	May26 Japan-France summit meeting (Taormina)	May24 The U.S. conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" in the South China Sea. A U.S. destroyer sails within 12 nautical miles of the Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea as part of the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" (reported).
	Mar.31	Enforcement of the law for partial amendment of the USFJ Realignment Special Measures Law (validity is extended for 10 years, etc.)	May27 Japan-Malta summit meeting (Malta)	May25 A Chinese fighter jet intercepts a U.S. naval patrol aircraft (South China Sea)
	Apr.03	Japan-U.S.-ROK trilateral exercise (ASW exercise) (through April 5)	May30 Japan-ROK summit telephone talk	May25 NATO Brussel summit meeting
	Apr.12	Defense Minister Inada pays courtesy call on Sri Lankan prime minister (Tokyo)	Jun.02 Japan-Viet Nam summit meeting (Tokyo)	May29 North Korea launches a ballistic missile (fell into Japan's EEZ)
	Apr.14	Pacific Partnership 2017 (through May 18)	Jun.07 Japan-Lao PDR summit meeting (Tokyo)	May30 The U.S. successfully intercepts ICBM target for the first time
	Apr.19	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Trilateral Talks (DTT) (Tokyo)	Jun.20 Japan-Guinea summit meeting (Tokyo)	May31 Bombing in Afghanistan's capital Kabul
	Apr.19	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.27 Japan-Czech summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun.02 The 16th Shangri-La Dialogue (Singapore) (through June 4)
	Apr.20	Japan-Australia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)		Jun.03 A car runs into pedestrians and a bombing occurs in central London, U.K.
	Apr.22	Disaster relief teams dispatched for rescue operations in Futaojima, Shimomoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture		Jun.04 President Duterte of the Philippines goes aboard MSDF JS Izumo
	May03	Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense Miyazawa visits Djibouti and Bahrain (through May 7)		Jun.05 Montenegro joins NATO
	May03	Japan-France-U.K.-U.S. joint exercise (through May 22)		Jul.02 A Chinese naval intelligence gathering ship sails within Japan's territorial waters near the southwest of Kojima Island, Matsumae Town, Hokkaido
	May08	Japan-France-U.K.-U.S. joint exercise (through May 22)		Jul.04 North Korea launches a ballistic missile (lands in Japan's EEZ)
	May08	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)		
	May15	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference		
	May15	Search of missing GSDF aircraft (LR-2) in Hakodate City, Hokkaido (through May 16)		
	May22	Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)		
	May30	Return of Colors ceremony of JSDF engineering dispatched to South Sudan		
	May31	Dispatch of SDF units to UNMISS is terminated		
	Jun.03	Dispatch of rescue teams in response to the crash of a civilian aircraft (light aircraft) (through June 4)		
	Jun.03	Defense Minister Inada attends the 16th Shangri-La Dialogue (hosted by IISS) (through June 4)		
	Jun.03	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		
	Jun.03	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		
	Jun.03	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		
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	Jun.03	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		
	Jun.03	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		
	Jun.04	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		
	Jun.04	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		
	Jun.20	FY2017 SDF Joint Exercise for Rescue (through June 23)		