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1945	Aug. 15 Aug. 17	World War II ends Higashikuninomiya Cabinet established	1950	0ct. 26	House of Representatives approves Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty (House of Councilors	1957	Jan. 31	Acting Prime Minister Kishi concurrently becomes, ad interim, Minister of State for Defense
	Aug. 17	Republic of Indonesia declares independence			approval given November 18)		Feb. 02	Kotaki becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Aug. 28	Provisional government of People's Republic of		Dec. 26	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet (third term)		Feb. 25	Kishi Cabinet established
	Sep. 02	Vietnam established GHQ established	1952	Jan. 19	ROK proclaims sovereignty over neighboring ocean		Mar. 15	House of Councillors passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs
	Oct. 09	Shidehara Cabinet established			areas (Rhee Line)		May 15	U.K. conducts its first hydrogen bomb test
	0ct.15	General Staff Office and Military Command abolished		Feb. 28	Japan-U.S. Administrative Agreement signed		May 20	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions
	0ct.24	United Nations established		Apr. 26	Maritime Guard established within the Japan Coast Guard		Jun.14	adopted on Basic Guidelines for National Defense National Defense Council decision and Cabinet
1946	Nov. 30 Jan. 04	Army and Navy Ministries abolished GHQ orders purge from public office		Apr. 28	Japan-Taiwan Peace Treaty concluded			understanding adopted on First Defense Build-up Plan
1540	Jan. 10	First session of U.N. General Assembly (London, through		Apr. 28	Japan-U.S. Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty enter into force		Jun. 21	Kishi-Eisenhower talks; joint statement on the early withdrawal of the USFJ issued
	1 07	February 14)		Apr. 28	Far East Commission, Allied Council, and GHQ		Jul.10	Inauguration of reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Tsushima
	Jan.27	GHQ orders the suspension of Japanese administrative right over Ryukyu and Ogasawara Islands			Abolished		Aug. 06	becomes Minister of State for Defense Japan-U.S. Security Council inaugurated
	Feb. 26	Far East Commission formed		May 01 May 26	May Day riot at Imperial Palace Plaza U.S., U.K., and France sign peace agreement with		Aug. 06 Aug. 26	USSR announces successful ICBM test
	Mar. 05	Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech		wiay 20	Germany		Aug. 27	Trial startup of reactor at Tokaimura
	Apr. 05 Apr. 24	First meeting of Allied Council on Japan Civil administration of Okinawa established		May 27	European Defense Community (EDC) Treaty signed		Sep. 10	National Defense Council decision to produce P2V-742
	May 03	International Military Tribunal for the Far East opened		Jul.21	Subversive Activities Prevention Law promulgated and enters into force		0ct. 04	aircraft domestically, Cabinet report on September 17 USSR launches the world's first artificial satellite,
	May 22	Yoshida Cabinet established		Jul.26	Japan-U.S. Facilities and Areas Agreement signed			Sputnik 1
	0ct.01	International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg renders judgment		Jul. 31	National Safety Agency Law promulgated		Nov. 23	World Congress of Communist Parties issues the Moscow Declaration
	Nov. 03	The Constitution of Japan promulgated		Aug. 01	National Safety Agency established; Prime Minister Yoshida concurrently becomes Director-General of the	1958	Jan. 01	Japan becomes non-permanent member of the U.N.
	Dec.19	First Indochina War starts (through 1954)			National Safety Agency; Coastal Safety Force			Security Council
1947	Mar. 12	Truman Doctrine announced		0ct. 15	inaugurated National Safety Force inaugurated		Jan. 01 Jan. 14	European Economic Community (EEC) starts First ocean training exercises (Hawaii, through
	May 03 Jun. 01	The Constitution of Japan takes effect Katayama Cabinet established		Oct. 30	Inauguration of fourth Yoshida Cabinet; Kimura		Jan. 14	February 28)
	Jun. 01 Jun. 05	Marshall Plan announced			becomes Director-General of the National Safety Agency		Jan. 31	U.S. successfully launches an artificial satellite
	Aug.15	India and Pakistan gain independence		Oct. 31	U.K. carries out its first atomic bomb test		Feb. 17	ASDF begins scrambling against aircraft intruding into territorial airspace
	Aug. 15	First India-Pakistan conflict (through 1965)		Nov. 01	U.S. carries out its first hydrogen bomb test		Apr. 18	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban
	Oct. 05 Dec. 17	Cominform established Police Law promulgated (National Rural Police and	1953	Nov. 12 Jan. 01	Japan-U.S. Ship Leasing Agreement signed Security Advisory Group in Japan inaugurated		Jun. 12	atomic and hydrogen bombs Inauguration of second Kishi Cabinet; Sato becomes
		municipal police forces established)	1903	Apr. 01	National Safety Academy (predecessor of National			Minister of State for Defense
1948	Mar. 10	Ashida Cabinet established			Defense Academy) established		Aug. 23	Chinese People's Liberation Army attack on Quemoy intensifies
	Apr. 01 Apr. 27	USSR imposes Berlin blockade (through May 12, 1949) Japan Coast Guard Law promulgated		May 21 Jul. 27	Inauguration of fifth Yoshida Cabinet Korean War Armistice Agreement signed		Sep. 11	Fujiyama-Dulles talks (Washington, D.C.); agreement
	May 14	Israel gains independence; First Middle East War starts		Aug. 12	USSR carries out its first hydrogen bomb test			on revision of the Japan-U.S. Security
		(through February 24, 1949)		Sep. 27	Yoshida and Shigemitsu talk		0ct. 04	Treaty Commencement of Japan-U.S. talks on the revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty
	Jun. 11 Jun. 26	U.S. Senate Vandenberg resolution Berlin airlift starts		Oct. 01	U.SROK Mutual Defense Treaty signed		0ct. 23	Dulles talks with Chiang Kaishek; joint statement
	Aug. 15	Republic of Korea (ROK) declares independence		Oct. 30	Ikeda-Robertson talks; joint statement issued on gradual increase in self-defense strength			issued denying counteroffensive against mainland China
	Sep. 09	North Korea established		Dec. 25	Japanese administrative rule over Amami Islands		Dec. 17	U.S. test-launches Atlas ICBM
	Oct. 19	Inauguration of the second Yoshida Cabinet	1954	Jan. 21	restored U.S. launches world's first nuclear submarine (USS	1959	Jan. 12	Ino becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Nov. 12	International Military Tribunal for the Far East renders judgment	1554		Nautilus)		Mar. 30	Tokyo District Court rules the stationing of U.S. Forces unconstitutional in the Sunagawa case
1949	Jan. 25	Council for Mutual Economic Cooperation (COMECON)		Mar. 01 Mar. 01	U.S. carries out hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll		Jun.18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Akagi
	Feb. 16	established Inauguration of third Yoshida Cabinet		Mar. 08	Daigo Fukuryu maru (Lucky Dragon V) incident Mutual Defense Assistance (MDA) agreement signed		Aug. 25	becomes Minister of State for Defense China-India border dispute
	Apr. 04	North Atlantic Treaty signed by 12 nations (becomes		May 14	Japan and U.S. sign Land Lease Agreement on naval		Sep. 18	USSR General Secretary Khrushchev proposes
	Apr. 21	effective August 24) (NATO established) Nationalist-Communist talks break up; Chinese		Jun. 02	vessels House of Councillors passes resolution prohibiting		Son 26	complete military reductions at U.N.
	Ap1. 2 1	Communist Army launches general offensive		Juli. 02	dispatch of troops overseas		Sep. 26 Sep. 27	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon Vera U.SSoviet summit; joint statement issued at Camp
	May 06	Federal Republic of Germany established (West Germany)		Jun. 09	Promulgation of Defense Agency Establishment Law, Self-Defense Forces Law and Protection of National			David
	Jul. 05	Shimoyama incident			Secrecy Law pertaining to the MDA		Nov. 06	National Defense Council decision to produce 200 F-104 aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet on
	Jul. 15	Mitaka incident		Jul.01	Defense Agency established; Ground, Maritime and Air			November 10
	Aug. 17	Matsukawa incident		Jul.21	Self-Defense Forces inaugurated Geneva Agreement on armistice in Indochina signed		Dec. 01	Antarctica Treaty signed
	Sep. 24 Oct. 01	USSR declares possession of atomic bomb People's Republic of China established		Sep. 03	Chinese People's Liberation Army shells Quemoy and		Dec. 16	Supreme Court reverses original ruling in the Sunagawa case
	Oct. 07	German Democratic Republic established (East		Sep.08	Matsu for the first time South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed by	1960	Jan. 11	Defense Agency moves to Hinoki-cho
	Dec.07	Germany) Chinaga Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan			signing of collective defense pact		Jan. 19	New Japan-U.S. Security Treaty is signed (enters into force June 23)
1950	Jan. 27	Chinese Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries		Dec. 02 Dec. 10	U.STaiwan Mutual Defense Treaty signed		Feb. 13	France conducts its first nuclear test in the Sahara
1000	Feb. 14	Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual		Dec. 10	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Omura becomes Minister of State for Defense		May 01	U-2 reconnaissance plane belonging to U.S. shot down in Soviet airspace
	Jun. 21	Assistance signed John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of	1955	Mar. 19	Inauguration of second Hatoyama Cabinet; Sugihara		May 24	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the earthquake
	Jun. 21	State, visits Japan		Apr. 18	becomes Minister of State for Defense Africa-Asia conference held at Bandung		Int 10	and tsunami in Chile Ikeda Cabinet established; Esaki becomes Minister of
	Jun. 25	Korean War (ends July 27, 1953)		May 05	West Germany formally admitted to NATO		Jul. 19	State for Defense
	Jun. 28 Jul. 07	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet United Nations Force formed for dispatch to Korea		May 06	Live shell fire by U.S. forces at Kita Fuji Maneuver Area; opposition to firing intensifies		Jul. 20	U.S. conducts successful underwater launch of Polaris SLBM
	Jul. 07	General MacArthur authorizes the establishment of the		May 08	Protests begin at Sunagawa Base		Dec. 08	SLBM Inauguration of second Ikeda Cabinet; Nishimura
		National Police Reserve, consisting of 75,000 men, and the expansion of the Japan Coast Guard by 8,000		May 14	Signing of Warsaw Pact (WPO starts)			becomes Minister of State for Defense
		men		Jul. 31	Sunada becomes Minister of State for Defense First World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen		Dec. 20	Formation of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front
	Aug. 10	National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect		Aug. 06	Bombs held in Hiroshima	1961	Jan. 13	National Defense Council decides to reorganize GSDF
	Aug. 13	Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police		Aug. 31	Shigemitsu-Dulles meeting; joint statement issued on revision of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty			units (into 13 divisions); presented to Cabinet January 20
	Aug. 14	Reserve begins Masuhara appointed first Director-General of the		Nov. 14	Japan-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement signed		Apr. 12	USSR successfully launches manned spacecraft
	Aug. 14	National Police Reserve		Nov. 22	Inauguration of third Hatoyama Cabinet; Funada		May 16 Jul. 06	Military junta seizes power in a coup in ROK
	Sep. 07	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima		Dec. 19	becomes Minister of State for Defense Atomic Energy Basic Law promulgated		JUI. UD	Soviet-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed
	Sep. 15	U.N. troops land at Inchon	1956	Feb. 09	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban		Jul.11	Sino-North Korean Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation
	0ct.25	Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War			atomic and hydrogen bomb tests (House of Councilors, February 10)		Jul. 18	and Mutual Assistance signed Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet;
	Nov. 24	U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan		Feb. 14	Stalin criticized at the 20th Congress of Soviet			Fujieda becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Dec.18	NATO Defense Commission agrees to establishment of			Communist Party in Moscow; Khrushchev proclaims policy of peaceful co-existence with the West		Jul.18	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Second Defense Build-up Plan
1051	100.00	NATO Forces		Mar. 23	Defense Agency moved to Kasumigaseki		Aug. 13	Construction of Berlin Wall
1951	Jan.23	Minister of State Ohashi takes charge of the National Police Reserve		Apr. 17	USSR announces dissolution of Cominform	1962	Jul. 18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet (second term); Shiga becomes Minister of State for
	Jan. 29	First Yoshida-Dulles talks (peace treaty negotiations)		Apr. 26	First Japan-made destroyer Harukaze completed			Defense
	Mar. 01	Special recruitment of Military and Naval Academy graduates to serve as police officers 1st and 2nd class		Jul.02	National Defense Council Composition Law promulgated		Jul. 23	International Agreement on the Neutrality of Laos signed in Geneva International Conference
		begins		Jul.26	Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal		Aug. 15	GSDF completes 13 division organization
	Apr. 11	MacArthur was dismissed as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers		Sep. 20	First domestically-produced F-86F fighter delivered		0ct. 15	Type 61 tank first introduced
	Jul. 04	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet		Oct. 19	Joint declaration on restoration of Japanese-Soviet relations		Oct. 20	China-India border dispute (through November 22)
	Aug. 30	(second term) U.SPhilippines Mutual Defense Treaty signed		Oct. 23	Hungarian Revolution		0ct. 24	U.S. Navy imposes sea blockade of Cuba (through November 20)
	Sep. 01	Australia-New Zealand-U.S. sign ANZUS Treaty		Oct. 29	Second Middle East War (Suez War; through November 6)		Oct. 28	Premier of the Soviet Union Khrushchev declares
	Sep. 08	49 countries sign Peace Treaty with Japan; Japan-U.S.		Dec. 18	Japan joins the U.N.		Nov.01	dismantling of missile bases in Cuba Defense Facilities Administration Agency established
	0ct.20	Security Treaty concluded Ozuki unit dispatched for the first time on a rescue		Dec. 23	Ishibashi Cabinet established; Prime Minister		Nov. 09	Shiga visits U.S. for first time as Minister of State for
	001.20	relief operation to Kita Kawachi Village, Yamaguchi			concurrently becomes Minister of State for Defense			Defense (through November 26)
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		Mar. 14	Armed clashes between China and Vietnam in the	
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	May 29	U.SSoviet Union summit talks (Moscow, through June	1991
	Jun.01	 instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged) Supreme Court renders judgment on an appeal against the enshrining of an SDF officer killed in an accident 	
	Jul. 23	Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka)	
	Aug. 17	First joint verification of an underground nuclear test carried out by U.S. and Soviet Union (Nevada)	
	Aug. 20	Ceasefire agreement reached in Iran-Iraq War	1000
	Aug. 24 Sep. 20	Tazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense First Japan-made T-4 medium trainer introduced	1992
	0ct. 17	U.S. and Philippines sign negotiated agreement on revised Military Bases Agreement	
	Nov. 29	Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint	
	Dec. 07	development General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet	
	Dec. 27	troops Inauguration of reshuffled Takeshita Cabinet	
1	Jan. 07	Demise of Emperor Showa	
1	Feb. 15	Soviet Union completes the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan	
	Feb. 24	Emperor Showa's funeral	
	Mar. 09	Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) started (Vienna)	
	Mar. 09	Confidence and Security-Building Measures (CSBM) started (Vienna)	
	Mar. 15 Mar. 30	Hachioji branch of the Tokyo District Court renders judgment in the 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit	
	Apr. 01	New BADGE system begins operations Consumption Tax Law enforced	
	May 10	START-I reopened at U.SSoviet foreign ministers conference, agreement achieved (Moscow, through	
	Jun. 03	May 11) Uno Cabinet established; Yamasaki becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jun. 04	Chinese martial law units fire on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in Beijing (2nd Tiananmen incident)	
	Jun. 20	Supreme Court renders judgment in the Hyakuri Base suit	
	Jun. 22	Yokohama District Court renders judgment in the Atsugi Air Base suit to vacate the premises	
	Jun. 24	Zhao Ziyang relieved of post as General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, and replaced by Jiang	
	Aug. 10	Zemin Kaifu Cabinet established; Matsumoto becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Sep. 26 Nov. 09	Vietnam completely withdraws from Cambodia GDR permits free departures to the West (virtual	
1	Feb. 13	demolition of the Berlin Wall) U.S. and Soviet foreign ministers agree on upper limit	1993
	F 1 00	of 195,000 U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe and 225,000 U.S. troops in Europe	
	Feb. 20 Feb. 28	Joint Military Technology Commission decides to provide "military technology related to FS-X" to U.S. Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet;	
	Mar. 03	Ishikawa becomes Minister of State for Defense Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Kaifu, G.H.W. Bush, Palm	
	May 29	Springs, through March 4) Naha District Court renders judgment in administrative	
	may 20	handling suit pertaining to Special Measures Law for USFJ Land	
	Jun. 19	Japan-U.S. Joint Committee confirms moves to prepare necessary steps to return U.S. military	
	Jun. 21	facilities in Okinawa (23 items) Japan and the U.S. reach agreement in principle on the	
	Aug. 02	establishment of a ministerial conference on security Iraq invades Kuwait	
	Aug. 02 Oct. 03	U.S. President G.H.W. Bush gives speech at Aspen German unification	
	Oct. 16	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet	
	Oct. 24 Nov. 10	USSR conducts underground nuclear tests in the Arctic Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping	
	Nov. 12	Operations annulled Coronation of Emperor	
	Nov. 23 Dec. 20	Great Thanksgiving Festival Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions	
		adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991- FY1995)	
	Dec. 29	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet; Ikeda becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jan. 17	Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters Califica forece lough air attacks against Kowait and	
	Jan. 17 Jan. 24	Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Desert Storm	
	Jan. 24	Government pledges an additional U.S.\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region Cabinet decision adopted on ordinance on interim	
	Jan. 20	measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees (promulgated and enacted on January 29, annulled	
	Mar. 13	April 19) Kanazawa District Court renders judgment on the 1st and 2nd Komatsu Air Base noise suits	
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	Apr. 24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on "Sending minesweepers to the Persian	
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	Jun. 03	depart for the Persian Gulf Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of	
	Jul. 31	Fugendake on Mt. Unzen U.S. and Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow	
	Sep. 06	Soviet State Council approves independence of three Baltic states	
	Sep. 17	U.N. General Assembly approves 7 member nations, including North and South Korea, and 3 Baltic nations	
	0ct. 09	SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time	

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1994	0ct.21	U.SNorth Korea talks, both sides sign "Framework Agreement" relating to support for North Korean light	1996
	Dec.01	water reactors, and provision of substitute energy First Asia-Pacific Security Seminar (under the auspices	
	Dec. 01	of the National Institute for Defense Studies, through	
	Dec. 01	December 17) Commander of U.SROK Combined Forces devolves	
	Dec.05	operational control in peacetime to ROK forces START-I comes into force	1997
	Dec. 18	Russia starts military operations against Chechnya	1557
	Dec.20	First visit to Japan by the ROK's naval training vessel (Harumi, through December 23)	
	Dec.26	Kanazawa branch of Nagoya High Court renders judgement in 1st and 2nd Komatsu Air Base noise	
1005	1	suits	
1995	Jan. 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the Great Hanshin- Awaji Earthquake (through April 27)	
	Mar. 09	Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) established	
	Mar. 20	SDF personnel dispatched teams to carry out rescue operations in the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway	
		system (through March 23)	
	May 11 May 19	NPT extended indefinitely 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	
	1 05	20)	
	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"	
	Jul. 28 Aug. 01	Vietnam officially joins ASEAN 1st KEDO Meeting (Japan-U.SROK) held (New York)	
	Aug. 01 Aug. 08	Inauguration of reshuffled Murayama Cabinet; Eto	
	Sep. 04	becomes Minister of State for Defense Japanese schoolgirl assaulted by three U.S. soldiers	1998
		based in Okinawa	
	Sep. 15 Oct. 27	Ratification of Chemical Weapons Convention Announcement of "Law Relating to the Treatment of	
		Defense Agency Personnel Dispatched to International Organizations" (effective January 1, 1996)	
	Nov. 17	Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of a consultation forum to discuss issues relating to U.S.	
		bases in Okinawa	
	Nov. 19	Prime Minister Murayama and U.S. Vice President Gore agree on the establishment of the Special Action	
	Nov. 28	Committee on Facilities and Areas in Okinawa (SACO) Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions	
		adopted on National Defense Program Outline for the period from FY1996	
	Dec.14	Security Council of Japan decision adopted on	
		Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2000) (Cabinet decision on December 15)	
	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	
	Dec.14	Formal signing of the Bosnian Peace Agreement in Paris	
	Dec.20	IFOR, consisting mainly of NATO troops, replaces	
	Dec.26	UNPROFOR and formally commences operations Tokyo High Court renders judgement on remanded	
1996	Jan. 11	appeal trial for 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit Hashimoto Cabinet established; Usui becomes Minister	
	Jan. 26	of State for Defense START-II ratified by U.S. Senate	
	Jan. 31	SDF units dispatched to United Nations Disengagement	
	Mar. 08	Observer Force (UNDOF) 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	
	Mar. 23	to Taiwan March 8-25 Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections; Taiwan	
		President Lee Teng-hui re-elected	
	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)	
	Apr. 15	Signing of Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement and its procedural arrangements (effective	
	A 10	October 22)	
	Apr. 16	Cabinet decision adopted on promotion of solutions to issues relating to facilities and areas of U.S. forces in	
	Apr. 17	Okinawa Prefecture Japan-U.S. Joint Declaration on Security issued	
	Jul. 12	Inaugural meeting of Wassenaar Arrangement (Vienna)	
	Jul. 20	U.N. Treaty on the Law of the Seas goes into effect in Japan	1999
	Jul. 26	First visit to Russia by MSDF ships (Vladivostok, through July 30, Russian Navy's 300th anniversary	
	Jul. 29	naval review)	
		China conducts underground nuclear test (its 45th), then announces moratorium on nuclear testing	
	Aug. 28	First visit by MSDF ships to ROK (Pusan, through September 6)	
	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	
	Sep. 10	U.N. General Assembly adopts the Comprehensive Test	
	Sep. 18	Ban Treaty (CTBT) North Korean minisubmarine runs aground on the east	
		coast of ROK, its crew intruding into ROK territory (clearing operation completed November 7)	
	Sep. 26	Hong Kong protest vessels (Baodiao) etc., intrude into	
	Sep. 27	Japan's territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands Taliban gains control of the Afghan capital, Kabul, and	
		declares the establishment of the provisional government	
	Oct. 03 Nov. 07	Russia-Chechnya ceasefire agreed Inauguration of second Hashimoto Cabinet; Kyuma	
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96	Nov. 18	Basic NATO agreement to keep a multinational
	Dec. 02	stabilization force (SFOR) to succeed IFOR in Bosnia- Herzegovina SACO final report approved by Japan-U.S. Joint
	Dec. 02	Security Council Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions
	000.24	adopted on responses to foreign submarines traveling underwater in Japanese territorial waters
97	Jan. 02	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Russian Nakhodka shipwreck and oil spill disaster
	Jan. 20	(through March 31) Establishment of Defense Intelligence Headquarters
	Apr. 29 May 12	CWC enters into force Russia-Chechnya peace treaty signed
	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)
	Jul. 01 Jul. 03	Hong Kong reverts to China 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)
	Jul. 16	North Korean soldiers cross the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) and exchange fire with ROK troops
	Sep.11 Sep.23	Inauguration of second reshuffled Hashimoto Cabinet Guidelines for New Japan-U.S. defense cooperation
	Nov. 10	approved by Security Consultative Committee (SCC) China-Russia summit talks: China-Russian joint statement signed (Beijing), and demarcation of the
	Dec. 03	China- Russian eastern border declared Final Report of the Administrative Reform Committee
	Dec. 19	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program
98	Mar. 26	(FY1996-FY2000) Introduction of a system of SDF Ready Reserve
	Apr. 28	Personnel The signing of an agreement to revise the Japan-U.S.
	May 11	Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement India carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated
	May 22	May 13) Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement
	May 28	in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Kadena Air Base noise suits Pakistan carries out underground nuclear tests
	Jun. 06	(repeated May 30) U.N. Security Council resolution adopted that condemns nuclear tests by India and Pakistan
	Jun. 12	Announcement and enactment of Basic Act on Central Government Reform
	Jun. 12	Revision of the International Peace Cooperation Law promulgated and comes into force (the section
	Jun. 22	concerning use of force enters into force July 12) A North Korean submarine intrudes into the east coast
	Jul. 27	of ROK, seized by ROK forces China publishes its first comprehensive defense white
	Jul. 29	paper, "Defense of China" Bilateral search and rescue exercise between MSDF/
		ASDF and Russian Navy — the first full-fledged bilateral exercise between Japan and Russia
	Jul. 30	Obuchi Cabinet established; Nukaga becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Aug. 31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace
	Sep.01 Sep.02	Temporary freezing of Japan-North Korea normalization talks Additional sanctions on North Korea (suspension of
	Sep. 24	charter flights) implemented Japan-ROK Fisheries Agreement concluded (Takeshima
	Sep. 30	Issue shelved) Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty concluded
	Oct. 21 Nov. 14	KEDO signed Departure of GSDF dispatch units to Honduras
	100.14	(operations in region November 18-December 1, return to Japan December 5)
	Nov. 15	First joint exercise involving all three branches (a total of 2,400 personnel from the GSDF, MSDF and ASDF)
	Nov. 20	(Iwo Jima) Norota becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Dec. 17	U.S. and U.K. forces initiate Operation Desert Fox against Iraq as a punishment for refusal to cooperate with UNCCOM importance (brough December 20)
	Dec. 22	with UNSCOM inspections (through December 20) Cabinet decision adopted on introduction of information asthering establite
	Dec. 22	information gathering satellite Aha Training Area returned (the first resolved issue of SACO)
	Dec. 25	Security Council approves Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies
99	Jan. 14 Mar. 23	Inauguration of reshuffled Obuchi Cabinet Discovery of a suspicious ship off the Noto Peninsula
	Mar. 29	(Maritime security operations ordered on March 24) GSDF establishes first brigade
	Apr. 01	Establishment of Committee for the Promotion of Information Gathering Satellites (Cabinet)
	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
	May 28	September 25) Act Concerning the Measures for Peace and Safety of Lease is Situations in Areas Surrounding, Lease
		Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan promulgated (enters into force August 25), Act for Partial Revision of the Self-Defense Forces Act
	Jun. 15	promulgated and enters into force Shooting incident between North Korean Naval ships
		which had crossed the Northern Limit Line and South Korean Naval ships
	Jul. 23	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 2nd Atsugi Air Base noise suit
	Aug. 05	First Bilateral Exercise of Search and Rescue Exercise between MSDF and ROK Navy (waters west of Kyushu)
	Aug. 25	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas
	I	Surrounding Japan comes into force

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1999	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
	Sep. 23	SDF personal dispatched to implement the transportation of necessary resources for international disaster relief operations in the Republic of Turkey (through November 22)
	Sep. 29	Russian military unit advances into the Republic of Chechnya
	Sep. 30	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the accident at a uranium processing facility in Tokaimura (through October 3)
	0ct. 05	Inauguration of second Obuchi Cabinet; Kawara becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Nov. 22 Nov. 22	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for Timor-Leste Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000) Governor of Okinawa Prefecture declares the site
	Dec. 17	proposed for the relocation of Futenma Air Station U.N. Security Council adopts a comprehensive resolution relating to the Iraq issue and establishes
	Dec. 20	UNMOVIC in place of UNSCOM Rule over Macao transferred to China
	Dec. 27	Decision with the Japan Coast Guard on the "Joint Response Manual for Suspicious Ships"
	Dec. 27 Dec. 28	Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture announces the acceptance of alternative facilities for Futenma Air Station Cabinet decision adopted on Government Policy for the
2000	Jan. 17	Relocation of Futenma Air Station Anti-personnel mine disposal begins
2000	Feb. 16	First assembly of the Research Commissions on the Constitution in the Upper House (Lower House on February 17)
	Apr. 01	Enactment of the "Self-Defense Forces Personnel Ethics Act"
	Apr. 05 Apr. 14	Mori Cabinet established Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction
	May 07	Treaty II (START-II) Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes
	May 08	duties as President Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building
	Jun. 16	The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force
	Jul. 04 Jul. 21	Inauguration of second Mori Cabinet; Torashima becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Jul. 21 Aug. 25	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23) Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established
	Sep. 13	SDF personnel dispatched to dispose of Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW) in China
	Nov. 20	The 22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF
	Dec. 05	Inauguration of second reshuffled Mori Cabinet; Saito becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Dec. 15	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2001- FY2005)
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
	Feb. 09	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC (through March, 2005)
	Feb. 10 Mar. 01	Collision between Ehime Maru and U.S. submarine The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect
	Mar. 07	Former Maritime Self-Defense official is given a jail sentence for providing confidential documents to
	Apr. 01	officer of the Russian Embassy Information Disclosure Act (IDA) comes into force
	Apr. 01 Apr. 26	Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes Koizumi Cabinet established; Nakatani becomes
	Jun. 15	Minister of State for Defense Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) established
	Aug. 08	Disaster relief teams dispatched for submarine rescue ship Chihaya to cooperate in raising the Ehime Maru (returned December 16)
	Sep. 11 Sep. 12	Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur U.N. Security Council adopts resolution condemning
	Sep. 19	the terrorist attacks Prime Minister Koizumi announces immediate measures in response to the September 11th terrorist
	0ct. 02	attacks in the U.S. In response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S., NATO invokes Article 5 (on collective
	0ct. 06	self-defense) of the North Atlantic Treaty International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan
	0ct. 07	refugees (through October 12) U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan (October 19, U.S. Forces sends special operation
	Oct. 08	forces, first ground fighting) Government of Japan establishes the Emergency Anti-Terrorism Headquarters and decides upon
	0ct. 29	Emergency Response Measures at the first meeting Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and other measures passed in the House of Councillors plenary session
	Nov. 02	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law are promulgated and enforced (strengthening penalties to ensure
	Nov. 25	secrecy is separately enforced on November 1, 2002) Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, an MSDF supply vessel, minesweeper tender, and destroyers depart for cooperation and support activities
	Nov. 27	Exchange of fire in the Korean demilitarized zone (DMZ)
	Dec. 05 Dec. 20	U.S. and Russia complete implementation of START-I U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution establishing an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)
	Dec. 22	Afghanistan Interim Authority formed, with Hamid
		Karzai serving as Chairman

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Year 2001	Date Dec. 29	Major Events Russia withdraws troops from its base in Cuba	Year 2003
2002	Jan. 29	U.S. President G.W. Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address	2000
	Feb. 15	Cabinet decision adopted on international cooperation execution plan for Timor-Leste	
	Mar. 02	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to Timor-Leste (through June 25, 2004)	
	Mar. 06	Kanazawa District Court renders judgement in 3rd and 4th Komatsu Air Base noise suits	
	Mar. 27	Introduction of Candidates for SDF Reserve Personnel System	
	Apr. 22 May 04	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise held (the first multilateral exercise organized by Japan, through May 2) Russia completes return of the Cam Ranh base to	
	May 20	Vietnam. The United Nations Transitional Administration in	
		Timor-Leste (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in Timor-Leste (UNMISET)	
	May 24	Signing of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions	
	May 30	Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 5th, 6th and 7th Yokota Air Base noise suits	
	Jun. 13	U.S. withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty	2004
	Jun. 29 Jul. 16	Exchanges of fire between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats which crossed the NLL U.S. Government releases "National Strategy for	
	Jul. 29	Homeland Security" Basic Plan of the Futenma Replacement Facility agreed	
	Sep. 04	Incident in central Sea of Japan (response to a suspicious ship)	
	Sep. 17	Japan-North Korea Summit held Kim Jong- II, the North Korean President, admits and apologizes for abductions	
	Sep. 20	U.S. Government announces "National Security	
	Sep. 30	Strategy" Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ishiba becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Oct. 01	Personnel deployed to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (Head of	
	Oct. 13	Operations and Planning Branch) (through July 6) First International Fleet Review in Japan (Tokyo Bay)	
	Oct. 15 Oct. 16	Five of those abducted return to Japan U.S. Government issues statement that North Korea	
		admitted to having a program to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, during Assistant Secretary of State	
	Oct. 16	Kelly's visit to North Korea Yokohama District Court renders judgement in 3rd, 4th and 5th Atsugi Air Base noise suits	
	Oct. 31	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in the suit pertaining to the surrender of land for Sobe Communication Site	
	Nov. 01	Introduction of stricter penalties in order to protect classified information (defense secrets)	
	Nov. 14	KEDO Executive Board decides to freeze provision of heavy oil to North Korea from December	
	Nov. 18	First SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercise in Hokkaido	
	Nov. 21	NATO Prague Summit decides new membership for seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe	
	Dec.02 Dec.12	SDF personnel dispatched for the first time to the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) North Korea announces it will resume operation and	
	Dec. 16	establishment of nuclear-related facilities Kirishima, vessel equipped with Aegis air defense	
	500.10	systems, departs the port of Yokosuka, according to revision (December 5) in Implementation Plan based	
	Dec. 17	on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system (ground- and sea-based interceptor missiles	
2003	Jan. 10	and PAC-3) North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear	
2003	Jan. 24	Non- Proliferation Treaty (NPT) U.S. Department of Homeland Security established	
	Jan. 24	Establishment of Consultative Body on Construction of Futenma Replacement Facility concerning Futenma Air	
	Feb. 08	Station Replacement Disposal of antipersonnel landmines complete (with some exceptions)	
	Mar. 20	U.S. and U.K. Forces begin military operations in Iraq	2005
	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	2003
	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)	
	May 01	U.S. President G.W. Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan	
	May 13	Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 4th and 8th Yokota Air Base noise suits	
	May 31	U.S. President G.W. Bush proposes Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) for the first time	
	Jun. 01	U.SRussia leaders talk, enforcement of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions	
	Jun. 06	Three Armed Attack Situation Response related laws passed in the House of Councillors plenary session	
	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	
	Jul. 26	18) Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq passed in the	
	Aug. 27	House of Councillors plenary session First Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through	
	Sep. 12	August 29) First PSI exercise held in the Coral Sea northeast of Australia (through September 14)	

	Date	Major Events	Year
	Sep. 22	Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet (second term)	2005
	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)	
	0ct. 07	Joint communique signed for the first time at	
	Oct. 10	Japan-China-ROK Summit meeting Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law remains in force for another two years	
	Oct. 15	China launches its first manned spacecraft Shenzhou	
	Nov. 19 Nov. 29	Inauguration of second Koizumi Cabinet Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq	
	Dec. 18 Dec. 19	Iran signs IAEA agreement Libya announces abandonment of weapons of mass	
	Dec. 19	destruction program Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions)	
	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)	
	Jan. 22 Feb. 03	ASDF main contingent leaves for Kuwait Departure of first SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian	
	Feb. 09	and reconstruction support activities Implementation of Iraq-related response measures	
	Feb. 09	approved in Diet MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait	
	Mar. 04	(return on April 8)	
	Mal.04	Disaster relief teams dispatched for the first time in response to bird flu (Tanbacho, Kyoto Prefecture, through March 11)	
	Mar. 26	Diet decides on installation of ballistic missile defense system (FY2004 draft budget passed in the House of Councillors plenary session)	
	Apr. 15	First transport of Japanese nationals living overseas implemented, 10 nationals transported from Iraq to Kuwait	
	Apr. 15	Ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Defense Agency/SDF	2006
	Apr. 28	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the nonproliferation of weapons of	
	May 22	mass destruction Japan-North Korea Summit held (Pyongyang). Five	
	Jun. 01	family members of abductees return to Japan U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq	
	Jun. 14	Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in House of Councillors plenary session and conclusion of three treaties	
	Jun. 14	approved Special Measures Law for the Embargo on Specific	
	Jun. 18	Ships passed Cabinet agreement for SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty (joining	
	Jun. 28	multinational forces) Transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government	
	Aug. 13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	
	Sep.27	Inauguration of second reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ohno becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	0ct. 25	PSI exercise for maritime interdiction operation hosted by Japan for the first time (in the offing of Sagami Bay	
	Nov. 10	and in Yokosuka Harbor, through October 27) Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered	
		submarine into Japan's territorial waters-Maritime security operations order issued (through November	
	Nov. 16	12) Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine's intrusion into Jaoan's territorial waters	
	Dec. 10	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on "National Defense Program Guidelines, FY2005" and "Mid-Term Defense Program for	
	Dec. 28	FY2005-FY2009" 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)	
	Jan. 04	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to engage in international emergency assistance in response to the	
		major earthquake off the coast of Sumatra and tsunami in the Indian Ocean that occurred on December 26, 2004 (all teams returned home by March 23)	
	Jan. 19	The Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged submarines in	
	Feb. 10	Japan's territorial waters 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)	
	Feb. 17	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 4th Kadena Air Base noise suit	
	Feb. 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) — common strategic objectives confirmed POK's Covernment protect over Acabi Shimbun aircraft	
	Mar. 08 Mar. 14	ROK's Government protest over Asahi Shimbun aircraft approaching Takeshima without authorization National People's Congress adopts "Anti-Secession	2007
		Law"	2007
	Mar. 14 Mar. 16	A Japanese boat attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew abducted (Released on March 20) Shimane Prefecture establishes "Takeshima Day"	
	Mar. 16 Mar. 25	Cabinet decision adopted on Basic Guidelines for the	
	Apr. 25	Protection of Civilians Disaster relief teams dispatched after the railroad	
1		accident on JR West's Fukuchiyama Line	

	Date	Major Events
I	Jul. 14	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry announces permission granted to Teikoku Oil for trial drilling in the
	Aug. 05	East China Sea 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)
	Sep.09	First China-Russia joint military exercises "Peace Mission 2005" (through August 25)
	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
	Sep. 21 Oct. 12	Inauguration of third Koizumi Cabinet SDF units dispatched for Japan Disaster Relief
	Oct. 20	operations in response to large-scale earthquake in Pakistan, etc. (All units returned home by December 2) GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint
	Oct. 29	field training against terrorist attacks for the first time Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) joint announces "Japan-U.S. Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future"
	Oct. 31 Oct. 31	Inauguration of third reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Nukaga becomes Minister of State for Defense Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended
	Nov. 11	for one year) Cabinet decision adopted on "the Government's actions to be taken for the time being in connection with the matters approved at the Japan-US. Security consultative
	Nov. 27	Committee held on October 29, 2005" Field training under the Civil Protection Law takes place for the first time in Fukui Protecture
	Nov. 30	for the first time in Fukui Prefecture Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 5th, 6th and 7th Yokota Air Base noise suits
	Dec. 14 Dec. 16	The first East Asia Summit is held (Kuala Lumpur)
		U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution criticizing the human rights situation in North Korea
	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"
	Jan. 10 Feb. 04	Iran begins an uranium enrichment experiment Japan-North Korea negotiations concerning abduction
	Mar. 06	issue, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile issues are held (through February 6) At the Japan-China intergovernmental conference, China makes a proposal of joint development of gas
	Mar. 27	field in East China Sea (through March 7) 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
	Apr. 23	establishes a joint operations posture Japan and the United States agree to the sharing of expenses of relocation of U.S. Marine Corps in
	May 01	Okinawa to Guam as part of realignment of USFJ The Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C) announces the "United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment
	May 11	Implementation" The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture and Minister of State for Defense sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ
	May 29 Jun. 01	First P-3C visit to Australia SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the earthquake that occurred in central Java on May
	Jun.20	27 (through June 22) 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
	Jun.23	Agreement concerning provision of arms and military technologies to the United States is signed
	Jun. 29	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting, joint document "The Japan-U.S. Alliance of the New Century" announced
	Jul. 05	North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan
	Jul. 13	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 3rd, 4th and 5th Atsugi Air Base noise suits
	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
	Aug. 16	Liaison Offices into the Provincial Cooperation Offices) A Russian patrol boat fires on a Japanese fishing boat, killing one of its crew members. The Government files a strong protest to Russia
	Aug. 29	U.S. Navy, deploys Aegis ships equipped with SM-3 at Yokosuka naval facility
	Aug. 29	The Council Meeting on Measures for Relocation of Futenma Air Station established, and its first meeting held
	Sep. 26	Abe Cabinet established; Kyuma becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Oct. 09 Oct. 13	North Korea conducts an underground nuclear test Sanctions implemented against North Korea, which announced that it had conducted a nuclear weapon test
	Dec. 19	U.N. General Assembly adopts draft resolution condemning abduction of foreign citizens by North Korea
	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)
н.	Jan. 09	Kyuma becomes Minister of Defense
	Jan. 12 Feb. 13	China conducts an anti-satellite test

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2007	Mar. 05	First Aviation Training Relocation associated with realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan (Tsuiki,	2008
	Mar. 13	through March 8) Australian Prime Minister Howard visits Japan, and the Japan-Australia Joint Declaration on Security	
	Mar. 23	Cooperation signed Emergency response procedures for destruction measures against ballistic missiles are prepared	
	Mar. 28 Mar. 30	Establishment of the GSDF Central Readiness Force A Patriot PAC-3 system is deployed at the ASDF Iruma	
	Mar. 30	Air Base for the first time SDF personnel dispatched for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) as military observers	
	Apr. 16	(through January 18, 2011) First Japan-U.SIndia trilateral exercise (MSDF, U.S. Navy and Indian Navy)	
	Apr. 16	Kanazawa Branch of Nagoya District Court renders judgment on the 3rd and 4th trials for the suits pertaining to noise generated by the Komatsu Air Base	
	May 01	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," 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"	
	May 18	ASDF controllers positioned at the Yokota RAPCON facility	
	May 29	Supreme Court renders judgement in 5th, 6th and 7th Yokota Air Base noise suits	
	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, to b of the Ministry of Defense Textbiothment Low and	2009
	In O A	etc.) of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law and the Self-Defense Forces Law enacted	
	Jul. 04 Jul. 20	Koike becomes Minister of Defense Enactment of the "Basic Act on Ocean Policy"	
	Aug. 10	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-U.S. General Security of Military Information Agreement	
	Aug. 27 Aug. 29	Inauguration of reshuffled Abe Cabinet; Koumura becomes Minister of Defense Enactment of the USFJ Realignment Special Measures	
	Sep. 01	Law Local Cooperation Bureau, Equipment and Facilities Headquarters, Inspector General's Office of Legal	
	Sep. 26	Compliance, and Local Defense Bureau created Fukuda Cabinet established; Ishiba becomes Minister of Defense	
	Oct. 03	The Six-Party Talks Joint Statement, the "Second- Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint	
	0ct.17	Statement," is announced First Japan-U.SAustralia trilateral exercise (MSDF, U.S. Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force)	
	Nov. 01	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law expires Order issued on termination of response measures based on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	
	Nov. 16 Nov. 28	Council for MOD Reform established Chinese naval vessel visits Japan for the first time	
	Dec.18	(through December 1) Aegis vessel MSDF Kongo conducts a successful test	
	Dec. 19	on counter-missile by ballistic missile Front headquarters of 1st Corps headquarters of U.S. forces formed at USFJ Camp Zama in line with the USFJ realignment	
	Dec.24	"Improvement of next fixedwing aircraft" and "Important issues among contents of Defense Capability Buildup in FY2008"	
	Dec.24	Cabinet decisions adopted on "Changes of emergency response measures on destruction measures by ballistic missiles"	
2008	Jan.16	Enactment of the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law (units depart for Indian Ocean on January 24, 25)	
	Jan. 25	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the Cost Sharing on the Stationing of U.S. forces in Japan signed	
	Feb. 19 Feb. 20	Collision between Aegis vessel MSDF and fishing boat U.S. Navy Aegis ship succeeds in shooting down	
	Feb. 21	out-of-control satellite outside the earth's atmosphere with an SM-3 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. 18 Mar. 26	Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy" Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the	
	Iviai. 20	Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (inc. reorganization of the SDF Command and Communication Unit)	
	Apr. 24	Announcement by U.S. Government that North Korea assisted with the construction by Syria of nuclear facilities destroyed in an air attack	
	Jun. 24 Jun. 26	First visit of MSDF vessel to China (through June 28) Agreement reached between the Government of Japan and Government of China on the joint development of natural gas in the East China Sea	
	Jun. 26	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 1st and 2nd Futenma Air Station noise suits	
	Jul. 07 Jul. 15	G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit (through July 9) Report by the Council for Reforming the Ministry of	
	Jul. 17	Defense released Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 4th and 8th	
	Aug. 02	Yokota Air Base noise suits Inauguration of reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet; Hayashi	2010
	Aug.08	becomes Minister of Defense Russian Armed Forces intervene in military clashes	
	Aug.10	between Georgian and South Ossetian forces Armed groups attack public security facilities in Visiona Instructure Dation China	
	Aug. 29	Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China TRDI receives prototype of next-generation fixed-wing	
	Sep. 24	patrol aircraft XP-1 no. 1 Aso Cabinet established; Hamada becomes Minister of	
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Sep. 25	The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS "George Washington" arrives in the port of Yokosuka for the first time
Sep.25	Chine Launches a manned spacecraft "Shenzhou 7," and conducts successful extravehicular activity for the first time
Oct. 03	U.S. DoD informs Congress of sale of PAC-3s, AH-64Ds, attack helicopters, etc., to Taiwan
Oct. 10	U.S. removes North Korea from its list of state sponsors of terrorism
0ct. 19	Four Chinese naval warships including a destroyer sail through Tsugaru Strait for the first time
0ct. 22	Japan-India Summit Meeting. Japan-India Joint Japan-India Summit Meeting. Japan-India Joint Statement on the Advancement of the Strategic and Global Partnership, and Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed
Oct. 24	SDF personnel dispatched to United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) (through September 30, 2011)
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
Dec. 02 Dec. 20	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1846 on countering piracy off the coast of Somalia Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program
Dec. 23	(FY2005-FY2009) ASDF Arlift Wing that was deployed under the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq returns to Japan Chinese naval fleet of three destroyers sets off to
	Somalia for escort mission
Jan. 08 Jan. 15	ASDF deploys F-15s to Okinawa (Hyakuri Air Base) Ministry of Defense decides on "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space"
Feb. 10	Order issued relating to the conclusion of withdrawal duties for the Iraq Reconstruction Support Group by the redeployment group
Feb. 17	Signing of the "Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam"
Feb. 27	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 4th Kadena Air Base noise suit
Mar. 13 Mar. 13	Cabinet decision adopted on Anti-Piracy Measures Law 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
Mar. 14	Two MSDF ships are dispatched to protect vessels with ties to Japan from the piracy off the coast of Somalia
Mar. 27	and in the Gulf of Aden SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (through April 6)
Mar. 30	MSDF ships begin escort missions as part of anti-piracy measures
Apr. 03	Foreign Minister Nakasone signs Status of Forces Agreement with Djibouti
Apr. 05	North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace
Apr. 10	Supreme Court renders judgement in 4th and 8th Yokota Air Base noise suits
May 04 May 15	1st ARF Disaster Relief Training (Philippines) Order issued for P-3C to be dispatched to Djibouti for
May 19	counter-piracy activities off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden "Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to
May 25	Guam" comes into force North Korea conducts the 2nd underground nuclear test
Jun. 02 Jul. 04	Basic Plan for Space Policy formulated North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan
Jul. 14 Jul. 17	Autoria of a Gravention on Cluster Munitions Announcement of Law Concerning the Prohibition of Manufacture of Cluster Munitions and Regulation of their Possession
Jul.24	Anti-Piracy Measures Law enacted, Order issued for anti-piracy operations
Jul.31	Completion of withdrawal of non-American multinational forces from Iraq
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)
Sep. 16	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Kitazawa becomes Minister of Defense
Oct. 05	SDF units dispatched to aid international disaster relief activities after the Padang earthquake in Indonesia (though October 17)
0ct. 27	Destroyer collides with ROK cargo ship in the Kammon Straits
Nov. 10	North and South Korean ships engage in fire in the Yellow Sea
Nov. 23	Deployment Surface Force for Counter Piracy Enforcement (DSPE) receives the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea
Dec. 01 Dec. 03	Lisbon treaty comes into effect Tokyo High Court rejects appeal by MSDF Lieutenant Commander in Aegis information leakage case (appeal to Supreme Court)
Dec. 05 Dec. 17	START I lapses Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on the build-up of defense capability for
Jan. 11	FY2010 China announces that it has performed missile
Jan. 17	interception test Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in Haiti (February 14, operation
Jan. 19	completed) "2+2" joint statement on the 50th anniversary of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty
Jan. 29	Japan-U.S. Security Treaty First test flight of Russian fifth-generation fighter PAK FA

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2010	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)
	Feb. 27	U.S. announces "Quadrennial Defense Review" (QDR) and "Ballistic Missile Defense Review" (BMDR)
	Mar. 07 Mar. 11	Russia publishes new Navy doctrine ASDF Hyakuri Air Base, joint civilian use of runway
	Mar. 26	ROK naval patrol ship "Cheonan" sank in the Yellow Sea by a torpedo attack from a North Korean submarine
	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)
	Apr. 01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of GSDF students)
	Apr. 06 Apr. 12	U.S. announces "Nuclear Posture Review" (NPR) 1st Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C.,
	May 01	through April 13) Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to foot and mouth disease in Miyazaki Prefecture (through
	May 19 May 23	July 27) Signing of Japan-Australia ACSA The MOD/SDF dispatches units to the Pacific
	May 26	Partnership 2010 for the first time (through July 15) Enactment of the "Act on the Preservation of the
	may 20	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"
	May 27 May 28	U.S. announces "National Security Strategy" (NSS) Joint Statement of Japan-U.S. Security Consultative
	Jun.08 Jun.09	Committee ("2+2") Kan Cabinet established U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1929
	Jun. 25	regarding additional sanction on Iran Signing and entry into force of the Japan-Nato
	Jun. 28	Information Security Agreement Release of the U.S. "National Space Policy" (NSP)
	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)
	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"
	Jul. 29	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 1st and 2nd Futenma Air Station noise suits
	Aug. 31 Sep. 07	Air transport activities by helicopter in aid of flood disaster in Pakistan (through October 10) Chinese fishing boat collides with Japan Coast Guard
	Sep. 10	patrol vessel in waters near the Senkaku Islands Cabinet decision adopted on dispatch of SDF officers as key military contact personnel (military observers) to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste
	Sep. 17	(UNMIT) (dispatched on September 27) Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet
	Oct. 01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (abolition of the lowest enlisted ranks)
	Nov. 01 Nov. 23	Russian President Medvedev visits the Kunashiri Island North Korea shells the ROK's Yeonpyeong island
	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
	Dec. 17	Senkaku Islands 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)
2011	Jan. 11	China conducts test flight of fighter aircraft touted as the next-generation stealth aircraft
	Jan. 14 Jan. 21	Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet (second term) 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)
	Jan. 27 Feb. 04	Supreme Court renders judgement in 4th Kadena Air Base noise suit The United States releases "National Security Space
	Feb. 04	The United States releases "National Security Space Strategy" (NSSS) New START comes into effect
	Feb. 05 Feb. 23	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in New Zealand (through March 3)
	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
	Mar. 11 Mar. 11	Great East Japan Earthquake strikes Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the
	Mar. 12	Great East Japan Earthquake (through August 31) Nuclear disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (through December
	Mar. 16	26) Cabinet decisions adopted on first disaster call-up of SDF Reserve Personnel and Ready Reserve Personnel
	Mar. 16	in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch GSDF Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel (through August 31)
	Mar. 19	The coalition force led by the U.S., U.K., and France commence military operations against Libya
	Apr. 11	Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake established
	Apr. 15	Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch MSDF and ASDF reserve personnel (through August 31) Partial revision to the Environmental Improvement Law
	Apr. 27	extended target projects for subsidies to improvement Law (extended target projects for subsidies to improve the environment surrounding specified defense facilities)

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2011	May 02	U.S. President Obama announces the killing of Osama bin Laden, leader of the international terrorist organization Al-Qaeda
	Jun. 01	SDF activity base in Djibouti initiates operation
	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
	Jun. 22	50 years of Partnership" U.S. President Obama announces guidelines to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan
	Jun. 24	Exercise of the Basic Act on Reconstruction
	Jun. 28 Jul. 08	First meeting of the headquarters for reconstruction measures U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1996 to
	Jul. 09	establish UNMISS Independence of the Republic of South Sudan
	Aug.10	Conducts its first navigation Chinese aircraft carrier Varyag
	Aug. 24	The Chinese fisheries patrol ships enter Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands
	Sep. 02 Sep. 09	Noda Cabinet established; Ichikawa becomes Minister of Defense 24 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait
	Sep. 09	Detection of cyber attacks against defense industry
	Sep. 27	Japan-Philippines Summit (Tokyo), Japan-Philippines joint statement made
	Sep. 29	Chinese space laboratory "Tiangong 1" launched
	Sep. 30	Cabinet decisions adopted on "Promotion of the operational Quasi-Zenith Satellite System project" and "Promoting development and utilization of aerospace"
	0ct.10 0ct.11	ATR to Guam as part of the U.S. Forces realignment (through October 28) Supreme Court renders judgement in 1st Futenma Air
	0ct. 24	Station noise suit Signing and entry into force of the Japan-France
	Oct. 31	Information Security Agreement NATO ends operations in Libya
	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
	Nov. 22	Japan on November 28) Six Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Dec. 18	Completion of U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq
	Dec.20	Decision made by the Security Council and seconded by the Cabinet regarding "acquisition of the next-generation fighter aircraft"
	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)
	Dec.27	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on Guidelines for Overseas Transfer of Defense Equipment etc.
	Dec. 28	Environmental impact statement for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture (through January 6, 2012)
2012	Jan. 11 Jan. 13 Feb. 10	1st Advance unit for UMMISS starts departing Japan Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet; Tanaka becomes Minister of Defense 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
	Mar. 30	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated April 13)
	Apr. 13	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"
	Apr. 13	Kim Jong-un becomes the First Chairman of the National Defense Commission
	Apr. 17	Ten-month extension of SDF dispatch to support the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (through February 28, 2013)
	Apr. 27	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee "2+2" joint statement
	Apr. 29	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	May 17	Signing of the Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement
	Jun. 04	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (second term); Morimoto becomes Minister of Defense
	Jul. 01	26 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait (through July 2)
	Jul. 03	First PSI Air Interdiction Exercise hosted by Japan (Hokkaido, through July 5) Three vessels of Chinese Fishery Law Enforcement
	Jul. 11	Command (FLEC) enter Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands One FLEC vessel enters Japanese waters near the
	Jul. 12	Senkaku Islands Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the
	Aug. 10	Law for Establishment of Cabinet Office South Korean President Lee Myung-bak visits
	Sep. 07	Takeshima "Toward Stable and Effective Use of Cyberspace by the
	Sep. 11 Sep. 23	MOD/JSDF" is released Government's purchase of the three Senkaku Islands SDF dispatch to the United Nations Integrated Mission
	Sep. 23	SUF dispatch to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) ended The first Chinese aircraft carrier "Liaoning" commissioned
	0ct. 01 0ct. 16	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (third term) Seven Chinese warships pass through the waters
	Nov. 26	between the Yonaguni Island and the Nakanokami Island for the first time Promulgation and partial enforcement (regarding

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_	Dec. 04	Launch of capacity building program in East Timor	2013
	Dec. 07	SDF action or der for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated December 12)	2013
	Dec. 12	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"	
	Dec. 13	A Chinese aircraft violates Japanese airspace for the first time (airspace surrounding the Senkaku Islands)	
_	Dec. 26 Jan. 16	Inauguration of second Abe Cabinet; Onodera becomes Minister of Defense Abduction of Japanese nationals in Algeria	
	Jan. 19	A Chinese naval vessel may direct fire-control radar at a helicopter based on a JMSDF destroyer	
	Jan. 20	SDF dispatch to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	
	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	
	Jan. 25	Japan (return home on January 24) Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on build-up of defense capability for FY2013	
	Jan. 25	"Basic Plan on Space Policy" is decided by the Strategic Headquarters for Space Development	2014
	Jan. 30	A Chinese vessel directs fire-control radar at a JMSDF destroyer in the East China Sea	
	Jan. 31	Three Chinese vessels sail northeast of Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean	
	Jan. 31 Jan. 31	Japan-Australia ACSA enters into force Partial enforcement (regarding Japan-Australia ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	
	Feb. 01	Partial enforcement (regarding pilot allowance) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	
	Feb. 07 Feb. 12	Russian fighters intrude into Japan's territorial airspace North Korea's underground nuclear test	
	Feb. 20	Naha District Court renders judgment on Henoko environmental assessment case	
	Feb. 23 Mar. 01	Meeting between U.S. President Obama and Prime Minister Abe Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on	
		participation of Japan's industries in the production of the F-35A	
	Mar. 15 Mar. 22	SDF dispatch for the MINUSTAH mission ended (ceremony to return unit flag) Entry into force of Japan-Australia Information Security	
	Mar. 26	Agreement Partial enforcement (regarding shift of Air Rescue Wing's affiliation) of partially amended laws, including	
	Mar. 30	the Self- Defense Forces Act, etc. Four Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island	
	Apr. 02	of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean North Korea announces that it will readjust and restart the graphite moderated reactor that was mothballed and disabled under an agreement reached at the	
	Apr. 26	Six-Party Talks Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"	
	May 07	Two Chinese vessels sail northeast of the Yonaguni	
	May 27	Island to the Pacific Ocean Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
	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	
	Jul. 05	China-Russia first joint naval exercise "Naval Interaction 2013" (through July 11)	
	Jul. 13 Jul. 22	Chinese naval fleets sail through Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk China Coast Guard sign put up	
	Jul. 24	Chinese early warning aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and	
	Aug. 21	advances to the Pacific Ocean for the first time Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean	
	Aug. 22 Aug. 27	Russian bombers intrude into Japan's airspace Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
	Aug. 30 Sep. 08	"Direction of the MOD Reform" released Chinese bombers fly between the main island of	
	Sep.09	Okinawa and Miyako Island Unmanned aircraft (presumed) of unidentified patienality flics over the East China Sea	
	Sep.10	nationality flies over the East China Sea 1st meeting of MOD/SDF Special Action Committee on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games held	
	Sep. 27	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2118 on elimination of Syrian chemical weapons	
	0ct. 03	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2", Tokyo)	
	Oct. 03	Signing of the "Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam"	
	Oct. 16 Oct. 23	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon No. 26 (through November 8)	
		Five Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
	Oct. 30	Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean	
	Nov. 12	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to typhoon disaster in the Philippines (through December 18)	
	Nov. 15	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) decides on detailed terms of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, etc.	
	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	

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Date Nov. 23	Major Events China announces establishment of the "East China Sea
Nov. 24	Air Defense Identification Zone" Iran and EU3 (U.K., France, Germany) +3 (U.S., China, Russia) reach first phase agreement for the comprehensive settlement of the nuclear issue
Dec. 04 Dec. 08	National Security Council established The ROK announces establishment of new Air Defense
Dec. 13	Identification Zone Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets
	promulgated
Dec.14	Chinese lunar probe successfully achieves soft lunar landing
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)"
Dec. 23 Dec. 23	Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean Second Russian Borey-class SSBN commissioned
Dec. 27	(incorporated into Pacific Fleet) Governor of Okinawa Prefecture approves application
Jan. 01	for public water reclamation for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project Entry into force of the Japan-U.K. Information Security
Jan. 07	Agreement National Security Secretariat launched
Jan. 15	Collision accident between transport vessel and fishing
Jan. 22	vessel in the Hiroshima Bay Committee for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of Bases on Okinawa established
Feb. 14	Council for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of MCAS Futenma on Okinawa established
Mar. 01	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
Mar. 03 Mar. 11	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to
Mar. 11 Mar. 18	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the missing Malaysian Airplane (through April 28) Russian "annexation" of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea
Mar. 19	A submarine seen navigating underwater in Japan's contiguous zone (waters east of Miyako Island)
Mar. 24	Prime Minister Abe attends 3rd Nuclear Security Summit (Hague, through March 25)
Mar. 26 Apr. 01	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Partial enforcement (establishment of Faculty of
Арг. 01	Nursing at National Defense Medical College) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.
Apr. 01	Cabinet decision adopted on "Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology"
Apr. 28	U.S. and Philippines sign Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement: (EDCA)
May 02	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
May 07	Collision and confrontation between Chinese and Vietnamese vessels occur (through mid-July)
May 14	"Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam" comes into force
May 15	The Advisory Panel on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security submits its report
May 21	Yokohama District Court renders judgement in 6th, 7th, and administrative 1st and 2nd Atsugi Air Base noise suits
May 24 Jun. 07	Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island
5011.07	of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
Jun.11 Jun.11	Japan-Australia "2+2" (Tokyo) Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft
Jun. 19	Strategy on Defense Production and Technological
Jun.21	Bases released Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (response to cardy articipanant extration)
Jun.29	(response to early retirement system) North Korea launches two ballistic missiles ISIL declares establishment of "Islamic State" and
Jun. 29 Jul. 01	caliphate Cabinet decision adopted on "Development of Seamless
Jul. 08	Security Legislation to Ensure Japan's Survival and Protect its People" Japan-Australia Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Environment and Technology is planed.
Jul. 09	Defense Equipment and Technology is signed North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Jul. 13 Jul. 25	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the
oui. 20	Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs)
Jul. 26	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
Aug. 01	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (quota for SDF
Aug. 8-	personnel posts of Internal Bureau, establishment of Air Tactics Development & Training Wing, etc.) U.S. Central Command begins airstrikes on ISIL in Northern Iran
Aug. 12	Northern Iraq Russian Armed Forces conduct exercises in the Northern Territories and Chishima Islands
Aug. 19	Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to U.S. Forces' patrol aircraft
Aug. 20	Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture (through September 11)
Aug. 28	MOD formulates "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space (revised)"
Sep. 01	Japan-India summit meeting (Tokyo); "Tokyo Declaration for Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership"
Sep. 03 Sep. 03	Eto becomes Minister of Defense 2nd Reshuffled Abe Cabinet is established

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Year	Date	Major Events	Ye	ar
2014	Sep. 10	U.S. President Obama announces strategy to counter ISIL	20	15
	Sep. 22-	The United States and other coalition countries begin airstrikes on ISIL in Syria		
	Sep. 26	Prime Minister Abe attends U.N. Summit Meeting on UN Peacekeeping Operations (New York)		
	Sep. 27	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of Mt. Ontake (through October 16)		
	Sep. 29	Afghanistan's new government is launched		
	0ct. 26	Air Review commemorating the 60th anniversary of the MOD/SDF		
	Nov. 16	Candidate Onaga defeats incumbent Governor Nakaima in Okinawa gubernatorial election		
	Nov. 21	"Global Hawk" is decided as the model of unmanned aerial vehicle		
	Nov. 24	ROK Armed Forces conduct military drill in waters near Takeshima		
	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,		
	Dec.01	through December 11) SDF personnel dispatched to NATO for the first time		
	Dec. 04	Five Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the		
	Dec. 04-	Pacific Ocean Chinese People's Liberation Army begins exercise in Western Pacific. Subsequently, some vessels transit Soya Strait (December 24) and Tsushima Strait (December 27) and circle Japan		
	Dec. 10	Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets enters into force		
	Dec. 19	Joint Statement of the Japan-U.S. Security		
	Dec.24	Consultative Committee (2+2) Inauguration of the third Abe Cabinet, Nakatani		
	Dec.24	becomes Minister of Defense Arms Trade Treaty comes into effect		
	Dec.26	Deployment of U.S. Forces TPY-2 ("X-band radar") to Kyogamisaki is completed		
	Dec. 31	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to disappearance of AirAsia plane (through January 11)		
2015	Jan.02	ISIL releases video of Japanese hostages (videos of the murder of the Japanese nationals subsequently		
	Jan.09	released on January 24 and February 1) "Basic Plan on Space Policy" is decided by the		
	Jan.21	Strategic Headquarters for Space Development First Japan-U.K. Foreign and Defense Ministers'		
	Feb. 06	Meeting (London) The United States releases "National Security		
	Feb. 12	Strategy" (NSS) Minsk agreement II (German, French, Russian, and		
	Feb. 13	Ukrainian leaders agree on new ceasefire agreement) Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of		
		Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		
	Feb. 14	China's intelligence gathering aircraft flies between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (February 15)		
	Mar. 02 Mar. 13	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Japan-France Agreement concerning the Transfer of		
	Apr. 21	Defense Equipment and Technology is signed (Tokyo) National Defense Medical College instructor dispatched to support WHO's epidemiological studies on the		
		outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa, etc. (through May 29)		
	Apr. 27	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to earthquake in Nepal (through May 22)		
	Apr. 27	The new "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation" is approved at the Japan-U.S. Security		
	Apr. 30	Consultative Committee meeting ("2+2," New York) Promulgation and enforcement of the Special Measures Act on the Number of Years of the National		
		Subsidization of Specific Defense Procurements (so-called "Long-term Contract Act")		
	May 09	North Korea announces SLBM launch test was conducted successfully		
	May 14	Cabinet decision on "Bill for the Development of Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International		
	May 14	Peace Support Bill" Cabinet decisions on "Responses to Foreign Naval		
	indy	Vessels Carrying Out Navigation through the Territorial Sea or the Internal Waters of Japan that Does Not Fall		
		Under Innocent Passage in International Law," "The Government's Responses to Illegal Landing on a		
		Remote Island or its Surrounding Seas by an Armed Group," and "Responses to Acts of Infringement When		
		Self-Defense Force Ships or Aircraft Detect Foreign Ships Committing Said Acts Against Japanese Private	20	16
	May 21	Ships on the High Seas" 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)		
	May 26	China releases defense white paper, "China's Military Strategy"		
	May 31	Dispatched MSDF personnel as commander of Combined Task Force (CTF 151) for counter-piracy		
	Jun. 11	operations (through August 27) Naha District Court's Okinawa Branch renders		
	hu= 10	judgment in 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th Futenma Air Station noise suits		
	Jun. 12	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		
	Jul. 01	U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dempsey releases National Military Strategy		
	Jul. 03	Disaster relief teams dispatched to support search of missing persons in Mt. Ontake (through August 7)		
	Jul. 18	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the		
	Jul. 29	Pacific Ocean China's intelligence gathering aircraft, early warning aircraft, and two hombers fly between the main island		
		aircraft, and two bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (July 30)		
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Jul. 30	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 6th, 7th and administrative 1st and 2nd Atsugi Air Facility noise	2016
Aug. 17	suits 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).	
Aug. 20	September 4). Shelling incident occurs between North Korea and the ROK	
Aug. 22 Aug. 26	Russian Prime Minister Medvedev visits Etorofu Island Signing of agreement on the resolution of the conflict	
Sep. 15	in South Sudan Presumed Russian aircraft intrudes into Japanese territorial airspace over the coast of the Nemuro	
Sep. 19	Peninsula 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	
Sep. 28	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	
Oct. 01	of U.S. Forces Agreement (SOFA) Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (unification of actual unit operations into Junit Staff, establishment of Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency, etc.)	
Oct. 01	Technical Research and Development Institute and Equipment Procurement and Construction Office are abolished; Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency is established	
0ct.03	Shooting attack in Bangladesh (one Japanese national is killed; ISIL Bangladesh claims responsibility for the attack in a statement)	
0ct. 07 0ct. 15	Inauguration of the third reshuffled Abe Cabinet Iwakuni Branch of Yamaguchi District Court renders judgment in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Iwakuni Air Base noise suits	
0ct.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	
0ct. 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"	
0ct. 28	Written notice regarding start of construction work related to Futenma Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture	
Nov. 11	A Chinese Navy AGI repeatedly conducts east-west passages near the contiguous zone south of the Senkaku Islands (through November 12)	
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")	
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.	
Dec. 04	Japan-U.S. Joint Press Release "Implementation of Bilateral Plans for Consolidating Facilities and Areas in Okinawa"	
Dec. 07	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean	
Dec. 12 Dec. 12	Japan-India Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed (New Delhi) Signing and entry into force of the Japan-India General	
Dec. 13	Security of Military Information Agreement Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of	
Dec. 26	Okinawa and Miyako İsland and advance to the Pacific Ocean 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. 31 Jan. 06	Russia revises National Security Strategy North Korea conducts fourth nuclear test which it called a "hydrogen bomb test"	
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	
Jan. 26	system) Two Russian bombers conduct flight along the perimeter of Japan	
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	
Jan. 31	China's intelligence gathering aircraft and early warning aircraft pass Tsushima Strait for the first time through to the Sea of Japan	
Feb. 01 Feb. 02	Chinese Ministry of National Defense dismantles seven Military Regions and announces the establishment of five theaters of operations	
Feb. 02	Four Chinese vessels sail through Tsugaru Strait to the Pacific Ocean A Chinese Navy AGI conducts round-trip northeast-	
1 00.04	southwest passages near the contiguous zone southeast of the Boso Peninsula (through February 8)	
Feb. 07	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"	

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Mar. 04	The government announces it would accept the court's settlement recommendation in the "Case regarding retraction order request for cancellation of the reclamation permit based on provisions of Article 245-8, Paragraph 3 of the Local Autonomy Act"
	("administrative substitute execution suit") and suspends landfill work (Futenma Replacement Facility
Mar 10	construction project)
Mar. 10 Mar. 18	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles North Korea launches a ballistic missile
Mar. 22	Terror bombing attacks occur in Brussels, Belgium
Mar. 28	Two Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
Mar. 28	Establishment of Camp Yonaguni
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")
Mar. 31	Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C.) (through
Apr. 07	April 1) Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the
Apr. 08	Pacific Ocean Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the
Apr. 14	Pacific Ocean Disaster relief teams dispatched after the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake (through May 30)
Apr. 15	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
Apr. 17	Disaster relief call-up order for to Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through May 9)
Apr. 20	China's early warning aircraft flies between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean
Apr. 23	North Korea launches an SLBM
Apr. 28 Apr. 28	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles Alleged murder case involving a civilian component
	member of the USFJ in Okinawa Prefecture
Apr. 29	Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan is established
May 10	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"
May 17	part of the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" A Chinese PLA fighter jet flies abnormally close to a U.S. Navy reconnaissance aircraft over the South China Sea
May 22	U.S. President Obama visits Vietnam (through May 25), fully lifts arms embargo on Vietnam
May 31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
Jun.07	A Chinese PLA fighter jet conducts dangerous flight, approaching a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance aircraft at a high speed over the East China Sea
Jun.09	A Chinese naval combatant vessel enters the contiguous zone near the Senkaku Islands for the first time
Jun. 15	A Chinese naval intelligence gathering vessel sails in Japan's territorial waters near Kuchinoerabu Island and Yakushima Island in Kagashima Prefecture and then sails within Japan's contiguous zone north of Kitadato Island. Subsequently, the vessel repeatedly conducts east-west passages outside the contiguous
Jun.16	zone near the Senkaku Islands. (June 19 through 20) Five Chinese naval vessels sail between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to
Jun. 20	the Pacific Ocean Ten Russian vessels pass through the Soya Strait and move to the Okhotsk Sea.
Jun.22	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Jul.2	Bangladeshi militants take hostages (7 Japanese nationals are killed); ISIL claims responsibility on the Internet
Jul. 8	The U.S. and ROK decide on the deployment of THAAD to U.S. Forces Korea
Jul. 9	North Korea launches a submarine-launched ballistic
Jul. 11	missile ASDF aircraft dispatched to Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to transport Japanese nationals overseas due to the situation deterioration in South Sudan (through
Jul. 12	July 26) The arbitral tribunal renders a final award in which nearly all of the Philippines' submissions are ruled in favor of the Philippines with reqard to arbitral
	proceedings pursuant to the South China Sea
Jul. 15 Jul. 18	Terror attack with a truck occurs in Nice, France Chinese Air Force announces that it will be conducting combat patrol in the South China Sea on a regular
Jul. 19	basis North Korea launches three ballistic missiles
Aug. 3	2nd Reshuffled 3rd Abe Cabinet is established
Aug. 3	Inada becomes Minister of Defense
Aug. 3	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles (one of them fell into Japan's EEZ)
Aug. 5	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
Aug. 12	in 5 days / through August 9) Three Chinese naval vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to
Aug. 18	the Pacific Ocean A Chinese early warning aircraft and two bombers fly over Tsushima and advance to the Sea of Japan
Aug. 24	North Korea launches a submarine-launched ballistic missile
Aug. 30	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall due to Typhoon 10 in Iwate Prefecture (through September 16)
Aug. 31	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall due to Typhoon 10 in Hokkaido (through September 18)
Sep. 05	North Korea launches three ballistic missiles (fell into

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2016	Sep. 12	First training relocation involves Tilt-Rotor/Rotary wing aircraft outside of Okinawa Prefecture in the context of	2017	
	Sep. 25	the realignment of the U.S. Forces (through October 5) Four Chinese bombers, two intelligence gathering		
	000.20	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]		
	Oct. 15	are observed for the first time passing) North Korea launches a ballistic missile		
	0ct.20	North Korea launches a ballistic missile		
	Oct. 20	Three Chinese naval vessels pass through the Osumi Strait and advance to the Pacific Ocean		
	Oct. 21	A U.S. destroyer sails around the Paracel Islands in the		
		South China Sea as part of the "Freedom of Navigation Operation"		
	0ct.27	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		
	Oct. 28	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-U.S Australia Trilateral Information Sharing Arrangement		
	Nov. 01	Cabinet Decision regarding changes to the procedures		
		for responding to piracy (reducing the number of ships to engage in counter-piracy operations off the coast of		
	Nov. 15	Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden from two to one) Cabinet Decision on changes in the "Implementation		
		Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the		
		Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)" (mission of		
	Nov. 18	"kaketsuke-keigo" was added) The Russian Forces announces the deployment of		
		surface-to-ship missile on the islands of Etorofu and Kunashiri		
	Nov. 23	Signing and entry into force of Japan-ROK General		
	Nov. 25	Security of Military Information Agreement 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.01	Japan-France defense equipment and technology		
	Dec.10	agreement takes effect 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.22	The implementation Guidelines for Article 95-2 of the SDF Law (decided by the National Security Council)		
	Dec.22	Transition to the joint production and deployment phases of advanced interceptor missiles for BMD		
		(SM-3 Block IIA) (decided at the National Security		
	Dec.25	Council) 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.26	Governor of Okinawa Onaga withdraws his cancellation		
		of the reclamation approval (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)		
2017	Dec. 27 Jan. 09	"China's Space Activities in 2016" is released Six Chinese bombers, an early warning aircraft, and an		
2017	Jan. 03	intelligence gathering aircraft fly over the Tsushima Strait and advance to the Sea of Japan		
	Jan. 14	Signing of Japan-Australia Acquisition and		
	Jan. 24	Cross- Servicing Agreement (ACSA) (Sydney) Two Russian bombers fly and circle around Japan		
	Feb. 08	U.S. Navy P-3 patrol aircraft and Chinese military		
		aircraft fly abnormally close to each other (South China Sea)		
	Feb. 12 Mar. 02	North Korea launches a ballistic missile A Chinese early warning aircraft, six bombers		
	Ivial. 02	(probable), and six fighter jets (probable) fly between the main island of Okinawa and Mivako Island and		
		advance to the Pacific Ocean (total of 13 aircraft, the		
	Mar. 02	largest fleet so far) Chinese vessels pass between the main island of		
		Okinawa and Miyako Island and moves to the East China Sea		
	Mar. 05	Chinese vessels sail west bound from the Osumi Strait		
	Mar. 06	North Korea launches four ballistic missiles (three of them fell into Japan's EEZ)		
	Mar. 22 Mar. 23	North Korea launches a ballistic missile		
	IVIDI. 23	Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and moves to the East		
	Mar. 27	China Sea Transfer of MSDF TC-90 to the Philippines		
	Mar. 27	Completion of development of future transport aircraft		
	Apr. 02	(XC-2) Chinese vessels pass between the main island of		
		Okinawa and Miyako Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean		
	Apr. 05	North Korea launches a ballistic missile		
	Apr. 06 Apr. 16	U.S. launches strikes on Syria North Korea launches a ballistic missile		
	Apr. 18	Chinese vessels sail west bound from the Osumi Strait		
	Apr. 20	China launches its first unmanned cargo spacecraft "Tianzhou 1"		
	Apr. 24	Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advances to the		
	Apr. 25	Pacific Ocean Commencement of seawall construction (Futenma		
		Replacement Facility construction project)		
	Apr. 26	China's first domestically built aircraft carrier is launched		
	Apr. 29 May 14	North Korea launches a ballistic missile		
	May 14 May 18	North Korea launches a ballistic missile 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		
	May 21	territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands North Korea launches a ballistic missile		

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May 24	A U.S. naval destroyer sails within 12 nautical miles of the Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands in the South	2017
	China Sea and conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" (reported)	
May 29	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (fell into Japan's EEZ)	
May 31 Jul. 01	Dispatch of SDF units to UNMISS is terminated Establishment of Southwestern Air Defense Force	
Jul.02	A Chinese naval Dongdiao-class intelligence gathering	
	ship sails within Japan's territorial waters near the southwest of Kojima Island, Matsumae Town, Hokkaido	
Jul.02	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Triton Island, Paracel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)	
Jul.04	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (lands in	
Jul.05	Japan's EEZ) Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the heavy rain in North Kyushu in July 2017 (through August 20)	
Jul.05	16 Russian vessels pass through the Soya Strait and move to the Sea of Japan	
Jul. 13	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean. Four other bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly toward the East China Sea	
Jul. 15	Two China Coast Guard vessels sail in Japan's territorial waters in the southeast of Tsushima- shimojima (Tsushima City, Nagasaki Prefecture) and north of Okinoshima (Munakata City, Fukuoka Prefecture)	
Jul. 17	Two China Coast Guard vessels sail in Japan's territorial waters in the west-northwest of Henashisaki (Nishitsugaru County, Aomori Prefecture) and northeast of Tappizaki (Higashitsugaru County, Aomori Prefecture)	
Jul.20	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft, an intelligence gathering aircraft and four bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly toward the East China Sea. Four bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance from the East China Sea to the Pacific	
Jul.24	Ocean Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the East	
Jul. 28	China Sea Minister of Defense Kishida came into office	
Jul. 28	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (lands in Japan's EEZ)	
Aug. 01	China conducts a flag raising ceremony for the Support	
Aug. 03	Base in Djibouti Minister of Defense Onodera came into office	
Aug. 09	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the East China Sea	
Aug. 10	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of the Mischief Reef in the Spratty Islands in the South China Sea (reported)	
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Aug. 14	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the East China Sea	
Aug. 17 Aug. 23	A car runs into pedestrians in Barcelona, Spain Two Russian bombers fly and circle around Japan	
Aug. 24	Six Chinese bombers, after passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island, fly over the Pacific Ocean in the south of Kyushu and Shikoku, turn around off the Kii Peninsula, and fly to the East China Sea on a similar route (First time for a Chinese aircraft to fly northeast bound after advancing to the Pacific	
Aug. 26	Ocean) MSDF SH-60J helicopter falls into the sea west of	
Aug. 26	Tappizaki, Aomori Prefecture India announces agreement between India and China	
	on disagreement of border personnel at Doklam following the confrontation of their forces	
Aug. 29	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (flies over Japan)	
Sep.03	North Korea conducts sixth nuclear test which it called a "hydrogen bomb test for ICBM"	
Sep.15	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (flies over Japan)	
Oct. 01	Shooting in Las Vegas, United States	
0ct. 10	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)	
Oct. 11	A U.S. Forces helicopter conducts an emergency landing and catches fire in Higashi-son, Kunigami- gun, Okinawa Prefecture	
0ct. 17	ASDF UH-60J helicopter crashed in the Pacific Ocean south of Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture	
Nov. 11	Three U.S. carrier strike groups conduct joint exercises in the western Pacific (through November 14)	
Nov. 18	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the Bashi Channel	
Nov. 19	Four Chinese bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island from the East China Sea to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island again to fly toward the East China Sea.	
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	Jan. 09	FY2017 Japan-U.S. joint exercise (command post exercise) (through February 3)	Jan. 13 Jan. 13	Japan-Latvia Summit (Riga) Japan-Lithuania Summit (Vilnius)	Jan. 10	A Chinese submerged submarine enters Japan's contiguous zone near Miyakojima Island and Taisho Island (through January 11)		
	Jan. 21	Participation in multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 2018 (through February 23)	Jan. 14	Japan-Bulgaria Summit (Sofia)	Jan. 11 Jan. 17	A Chinese vessel enters Japan's contiguous zone near Taisho Island A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of		
	Jan.15	Japan-Spain Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 15 Jan. 16	Japan-Serbia Summit (Belgrade) Japan-Romania Summit (Bucharest)		Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea (reported)		
	Jan. 26	Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	Jan. 18 Feb. 02	Japan-Australia Summit (Tokyo) Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 19 Jan. 29	The U.S. National Defense Strategy is released A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes Tsushima Strait and advances to the Sea of Japan		
	Jan. 26	Deployment of the first F-35A at ASDF Misawa Air Base	Feb.06	Japan-Germany Summit (Tokyo)	Jan. 29	from the East China Sea A Chinese vessel sails Tsushima Strait northward and after advancing to the Sea of Japan		
	Jan. 27 Jan. 29	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo) Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water	Feb. 07	U.S. Vice President Pence pays courtesy visit to Prime Minister Abe	Jan. 31	temporarily, sails the strait southward U.S. President Trump delivers the State of the Union address		
		supply supports in Sado City, Niigata Prefecture (through February 2)	Feb. 09 Feb. 14	Japan-ROK Summit (PyeongChang) Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Feb.02	The United States releases the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR)		
	Jan. 30	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Wajima City, Ishikawa Prefecture	Feb. 14 Feb. 20	Japan-Norway Summit (Tokyo) U.S. military aircraft throws away a fuel tank into	Feb. 05 Feb. 08	Maldives declares a state of emergency North Korea conducts a military parade		
	Feb. 06	(through February 2) Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to heavy	rep. 20	Lake Ogawara in Tohoku Town, Kamikita Country, Aomori Prefecture	Feb. 09 Feb. 10	PyeongChang Olympics (through February 25) Sri Lanka declares a state of emergency		
	160.00	snow in Fukui Prefecture (through February 10)	Feb. 23	Japan-Chile Summit (Tokyo)	Feb.14	South African President Zuma resigns		
	Feb. 14	Japan-ASEAN Cope North Guam 2018 exercise	Mar. 06 Mar. 09	Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Talk Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 15 Feb. 15	Ethiopian Prime Minister resigns The United States and other countries denounce Russia for a large scale of damage caused by		
	Feb. 15	program (through February 21) (Guam) Disaster relief teams dispatched to help remove snow	Mar. 13	Naha District Court renders judgement regarding the demand of an injunctive order for actions that crush	Feb. 16	ransomware "Not Petya" in June 2017 Ethiopia declares a state of emergency		
	Feb. 16	in Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture (through February 18) State Minister of Defense Yamamoto attends the		the reef, etc. (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	Feb.23	U.SAustralia Summit		
	Feb. 16	Munich Security Conference (through February 18) Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation	Mar. 14 Mar. 15	Japan-Sri Lanka Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Germany summit telephone talk	Feb. 26 Feb. 27	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through February 28) A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes Tsushima Strait and advances to the Sea of Japan		
	100.10	Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the	Mar. 23	Okinawa Prefectural Government appeals against	Feb.27	from the East China Sea A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft's passage of Tsushima Strait Western Channel is		
	Feb. 21	Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)" Disaster relief teams dispatched for collection of fuel,		the judgement of the Naha District Court to the Naha Branch of the Fukuoka High Court (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	Mar.01	confirmed for the first time Russian President Putin introduces new weapons at the annual presidential address		
	100.21	etc. in Tohoku Town, Kamikita Country, Aomori Prefecture (through March 7)	Mar. 31	Return of the land at Makiminato Service Area	Mar. 05	1st session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) (through March 20)		
	Feb. 26	Japan-ASEAN HA/DR Invitation Program (Kanto Region) (through March 2)	Apr. 05	adjacent to Route 58 Japan-Iraq Summit (Tokyo)	Mar. 05 Mar. 09	ROK special envoys visit North Korea and meet with Chairman Kim Jong-un PyeongChang Paralympics (through March 18)		
	Mar. 26	Transfer of MSDF's five TC-90 training aircraft to the	Apr. 11 Apr. 12	Japan-Bhutan Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Switzerland Summit (Tokyo)	Mar. 18	President Putin is re-elected as president (4th term)		
	Mar. 27	Philippines completed 22nd Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific	Apr. 17	Japan-U.S. Summit (Florida)	Mar. 18 Mar. 23	The Turkish government announces taking control of Afrin, Syria Four Chinese bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass		
	Mar. 27	Region (Tokyo) (through March 28) Establishment of the Ground Component Command	Apr. 28 Apr. 29	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk Japan-ROK summit telephone talk		between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter turn around, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again and the the destinant of the page time fields in the forther to crachelule further the main island of f		
		and the Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, and first reorganization to rapid deployment divisions/	May 01 May 01	Japan-Jordan Summit (Jordan) Japan-Palestine Summit (Palestine)		fly to the continent. At the same time, two fighter jets (probable) fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island from the East China Sea		
	Apr. 06	brigades Launch of X-band communications satellite	May 02	Japan-Israel Summit (Israel)	Mar. 23 Mar. 23	Hostage siege in Trèbes, south of France A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of		
	Apr. 09	"Kirameki1" Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 04 May 09	Japan-China summit telephone talk Japan-China-ROK Summit (Tokyo)	Mar. 25	the Mischief Reef in Spratty Islands in the South China Sea (reported) Chairman Kim Jong-un of North Korea visits China (through March 28)		
	Apr. 09	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water supply supports in Oda City, Shimane Prefecture	May 10 May 15	Japan-U.S. summit telephone talk Japan-Samoa Summit (Tokyo)	Mar. 26	China-North Korea Summit		
		(through April 11)	May 16	Japan-Fiji Summit (Tokyo)	Mar. 26 Apr. 05	Presidential election in Egypt Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advances to		
	Apr. 11	Disaster relief teams dispatched for rescue operations in response to the landslide in Nakatsu City, Oita	May 18	Prime Minister Abe attends the 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (Fukushima) (through May 19)	Apr. 10	the Pacific Ocean An aircraft that appears to be a Chinese unmanned aircraft vehicle (BZK-005) files over the East		
	Apr. 20	Prefecture (through April 23) Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington,	May 24 May 25	Prime Minister Abe visits Russia (through May 26) Japan-France Summit (St. Petersburg)	Apr. 12	China Sea (within Japan's air defense identification zone) China conducts a naval review on the South China Sea		
	Apr. 22	D.C.) Signing of the Japan-Canada Acquisition and	May 26	Japan-Russia Summit (Moscow)	Apr. 14	The United States, United Kingdom and France conduct military operations against facilities related to chemical weapons in Syria		
	Apr. 29	Cross- Servicing Agreement (ACSA) Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water	May 28 Jun. 07	Japan-U.S. summit telephone talk Japan-U.S. Summit (Washington, D.C.)	Apr. 18	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach		
		supply supports in Irabujima, Miyakojima City, Okinawa Prefecture (through May 2)	Jun.08	Prime Minister Abe attends the G7 Summit in Charlevoix (through June 9)	Apr. 19	the Pacific Ocean and fly toward the Bashi Channel Two Chinese bombers, two fighter jets (probable), an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence		
	May 04 May 06	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting	Jun. 08 Jun. 08	Japan-Germany Summit (Charlevoix) Japan-U.K. Summit (Charlevoix)		gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter the two bombers, electronic warfare aircraft and intelligence gathering aircraft fly toward the Bashi Channel		
	May 09	Defense authorities of Japan and China sign the Memorandum on the Maritime and Aerial	Jun. 08 Jun. 08	Japan-Italy Summit (Charlevoix)	Apr. 20	North Korea announces a halt to "nuclear test and intercontinental ballistic rocket test-fire" and abolishment of nuclear test sites		
	May 10	Communication Mechanism Signing of the Memorandum on Defence Cooperation	Jun.11	Japan-Canada Summit (Charlevoix) Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 20	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach		
	way 10	and Exchanges between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of the United Arab	Jun. 12 Jul. 17	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk Japan-EU Summit (Tokyo)	Apr. 20	the Pacific Ocean and fly toward the Bashi Channel A flight of carrier-based fighter jets (probable) of the Chinese aircraft carrier "Liaoning" over the		
	May 10	Emirates 2nd Japan-ASEAN Ship Rider Cooperation Program	Aug. 01 Aug. 07	Japan-Malta Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Saint Vincent Summit (Tokyo)	Apr. 21	Pacific Ocean is confirmed for the first time Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning" pass between the main island of Okinawa		
	May 15	(Indonesia-Malaysia) (through May 15) Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean	Aug. 22	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk Japan-Ecuador Summit (Tokyo)	Apr. 24	and Miyakojima Island and advance to the East China Sea A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through April 29)		
	May 18	Policy" Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation	Sep. 05 Sep. 10	Japan-Russia Summit (Vladivostok)	Apr. 26	Two Chinese bombers, two fighter jets (probable), an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the		
	may ro	Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the	Sep. 11 Sep. 12	Japan-Mongolia Summit (Vladivostok) Japan-China Summit (Vladivostok)		Pacific Ocean. The two fighter jets (probable) turn around and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again to fly toward the continent. The two bombers, electronic		
	May 21	Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)" Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 24 Sep. 25	Japan-Turkey Summit (New York) Japan-ROK Summit (New York)	Apr. 27	warfare aircraft and intelligence gathering aircraft fly toward the Bashi Channel The Inter-Korean Summit, Panmunjom Declaration agreement		
	May 22	Participated in the Pacific Partnership 2018 (through June 2)	Sep. 26	Japan-Iran Summit (New York)	Apr. 28	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes Tsushima Strait and advances to the Sea of Japan from the East China Sea		
	May 29	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hawaii)	Sep. 26 Oct. 05	Japan-U.S. Summit (New York) Japan-Tajikistan Summit (Tokyo)	May 08 May 08	China-North Korea Summit U.S. President Trump announces withdrawal from the nuclear agreement with Iran		
	Jun. 02	Defense Minister Onodera attends the 17th Shangri-La Dialogue (hosted by IISS) (through June 3)	0ct. 08 0ct. 08	Japan-Vietnam Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Cambodia Summit (Tokyo)	May 11	Two Chinese bombers and two fighter jets (probable) pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter, the two fighter jets (probable) turn		
	Jun. 02 Jun. 02	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore) Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting	0ct. 08 0ct. 08	Japan-Laos Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Thailand Summit (Tokyo)		around and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again to fly toward the continent. Two bombers fly toward the Bashi Channel. Two bombers, an intelligence gathering		
	Jun. 02	(Singapore) Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Meeting	Oct. 09	10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)		aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island from the Pacific Ocean in the direction of the Bashi Channel and move to the		
	Jun. 02	(Singapore) Japan-U.SAustralia Defense Ministerial Meeting	0ct. 09	Meeting with State Counsellor of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi (Tokyo)	May 12	East China Sea Attack occurs near the Paris Opera House in the center of Paris, France		
	Jun. 02	(Singapore) Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting	Oct. 12 Oct. 16	Japan-Lithuania Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Spain Summit (Madrid)	May 13	Terror attacks by suicide bombers occur in churches in Subaraya, Indonesia		
		(Singapore)	0ct. 17	Japan-France Summit (Paris)	May 13 May 18	China conducts the first sea trial of its first domestic aircraft carrier (through May 18) A Chinese bomber and other aircraft conduct a takeoff and landing training in the South China Sea		
	Jun. 03	Japan-U.SROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Oct. 18 Oct. 18	12th ASEM Summit (Brussels) (through October 19) 2nd "V4 plus Japan" Summit Meeting (Brussels)	May 21	(pointed out as Woody Island, Paracel Islands) The United States releases a new Iran strategy		
	Jun. 03 Jun. 03	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore) Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Oct. 18 Oct. 18	Japan-EU Summit (Brussels) Japan-Germany Summit (Brussels)	May 25	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island through to the East China Sea		
	Jun. 08	Launch of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense Authorities of Japan	Oct. 19 Oct. 19	Japan-Italy Summit (Brussels)	May 26	The Inter-Korean Summit		
	Jun. 14	and China Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Call	Oct. 19	Japan-Singapore Summit (Brussels) Japan-Australia Summit (Brussels)	May 27	A U.S. naval destroyer and cruiser conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Paracel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)		
	Jun. 18	Disaster Relief for Northern Osaka Prefecture Earthquake (through June 26)	0ct. 26 0ct. 29	Japan-China Summit (Beijing) Japan-India Summit (Tokyo)	Jun. 03	A Chinese vessel passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean		
	Jun. 19	FY2018 Joint Exercise for Rescue (JXR) (through June 22)	Nov. 06 Nov. 09	Japan-Malaysia Summit (Tokyo) Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Jun. 04	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and after flying toward the Bashi Channel, it turns		
	Jun. 29	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 14	Japan-ASEAN Summit (Singapore)	Jun. 04	around and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again A Chinese vessel passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and moves		
	Jul. 06	Disaster Relief in Response to July 2018 Flooding Disaster (through August18)	Nov. 14 Nov. 15	Japan-Russia Summit (Singapore) Japan-Singapore Summit (Singapore)	Jun. 12	to the East China Sea U.SNorth Korea Summit		
	Jul. 11	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel in response to July 2018	Nov. 15 Nov. 15	21st ASEAN+3 Summit Meeting (Singapore) East Asia Summit (Singapore)	Jun. 17	A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean		
	Jul. 11	Flooding Disaster Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve	Nov. 15	Japan-Indonesia Summit (Singapore)	Jun. 18 Jun. 19	U.S. DoD announces suspension of the Freedom Guardian exercise Kim Jong-Un visits China (through June 20)		
	Jul. 13	Personnel is issued (through July 31) Signing of the Japan-France Acquisition and	Nov. 15 Nov. 15	Japan-New Zealand Summit (Singapore) Japan-Philippines Summit (Singapore)	Jun. 19 Jun. 20	China-North Korea Summit		
	Jul. 31	Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Moscow)	Nov. 16 Nov. 17	Japan-Australia Summit (Australia) Japan-Papua New Guinea Summit (Papua New	Jun. 22 Jun. 23	U.S. DoD announces suspension of the Korean Marine Exchange Program A Chinese vessel sails northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to		
	Jul. 31	Japan-Russia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Moscow)	Nov. 18	Guinea) APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (margin)	Jun. 24	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through June 29)		
	Aug. 06	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water and food in Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata	Nov. 18	Japan-Chile New Guinea Summit (Papua New Guinea)	Jun. 24	Presidential election and general election in Turkey		
	Aug 10	Prefecture (through August 8) Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Call	Nov. 18	Japan-Canada Summit (Papua New Guinea)	Jun. 27 Jun. 29	Permanent ceasefire agreed in South Sudan A Chinese hospital ship enters Japan's contiguous zone north of Taisho Island, Senkaku Islands		
	Aug. 10 Aug. 20	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting	Nov. 19 Nov. 27	Japan-Burkina Faso Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Jordan Summit (Tokyo)	Jun. 29	Relocation of the Headquarters of U.S. Forces Korea from Seoul to Pyeongtaek		
	Aug. 21	Japan-Sri Lanka Defense Ministerial Meeting						

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2018	Sep.01	FY2018 Exercise for the rescue of Japanese nationals	Nov. 30	G20 Buenos Aires Summit (Buenos Aires) (through	Jun. 29	U.S. NBC reports that North Korea has increased its production of fuel for nuclear weapons
	Sep.03	overseas (outside Japan) (through September 9) Japan-Australian Defense Ministerial Telephone Call	Nov. 30	December 1) Japan-France Summit (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 01	(enriched uranium) at secret sites
	Sep. 03 Sep. 06	Disaster relief in response to the 2018 Hokkaido	Nov. 30	Japan-U.S. Summit (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 07	China Coast Guard is integrated into the People's Armed Police Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
		Eastern Iburi Earthquake (through October 14)	Nov. 30	Japan-India Summit (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 10	BOK Government announces suspension of its independent "Ulchi exercise" in the summer of
	Sep.07	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel in response to the 2018	Nov. 30	Japan-China Summit (Buenos Aires)	1.1.10	2018, followed by suspension of U.SROK joint exercises
		Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake	Nov. 30	Tachikawa Branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 9th and 12th Yokota Air Base noise	Jul. 12 Jul. 23	NATO Summit Brussels 2018 "38 North," a website dedicated to analysis of North Korea, announces the start of dismantlement
	Sep.07	Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through September 24)		suits	001.20	of the main facility on the satellite launch site in Dongchang-ri *The report on August 22
	Sep.09	Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum (Nagoya)	Dec. 01 Dec. 01	Japan-Russia Summit (Buenos Aires) Japan-U.K. Summit (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 27	announces that no new dismantlement activity has been apparent since August 3 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to
	Sep. 11	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting	Dec. 01	Japan-Turkey Summit (Buenos Aires)		reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
	Sep. 21	Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting	Dec. 01	Japan-EU Summit (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 27	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan
	0ct. 02 0ct. 03	Minister of Defense Iwaya came into office International disaster relief activities in response to the	Dec. 02	Japan-Uruguay Summit (Montevideo)	Aug. 03 Aug. 06	China announces a successful launch test of its new model of a hypersonic projectile A Chinese vessel sails westbound from the Osumi Strait to the East China Sea
	001.00	earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia (through October	Dec. 02 Dec. 05	Japan-Paraguay Summit (Asuncion) Fukuoka High Court renders judgement on a	Aug. 08	A Chinese vessel sails eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Oct. 10	25) Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sydney)	000.00	demand for an injunctive order for actions that crush	Aug. 14	A car attack occurs in London, U.K.
	Oct. 10	Japan-Australia Foreign and Defense Ministerial		the reef, etc. (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	Aug. 28	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through August 29)
		Meeting (2+2) (Sydney)	Dec. 11	Japan-Ghana Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 29	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
	0ct. 13	FY2018 Tomodachi Rescue Exercise (TREX) Joint Disaster Response Exercise with U.S. Forces (through	Dec. 13	Japan-Mongolia Summit (Tokyo)	Aug. 29	14 Russian vessels sail through the Soya Strait and move to the Sea of Okhotsk (through August
		October 14)	Dec. 18 Dec. 18	Japan-Zambia Summit (Tokyo) National Security Council and Cabinet decisions	Sep. 01	30) Two Russian patrol aircraft fly and circle around Japan
	Oct. 14 Oct. 19	Troop review commemorating the SDF anniversary Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		adopted on "National Defense Program Guidelines	Sep. 01	28 Russian vessels sail through the Soya Strait and moved to the Sea of Japan (through
	Oct. 19	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)		for FY2019 and beyond," and "Medium Term Defense Program (FY2019-FY2023)"		September 2)
	Oct. 19	Japan-U.SROK Defense Ministerial Meeting			Sep. 06 Sep. 09	U.SIndia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) North Korea stages a military parade commemorating the 70th anniversary of its foundation as a
	0ct. 20	(Singapore) Japan-ROK Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)			56p.05	nation in Pyongyang, without ICBM or other ballistic missiles
	0ct. 20	Japan-ASEAN Defense Ministers' Informal Meeting			Sep. 11	Russia starts the exercise phase of a large scale military exercise "Vostok 2018" (through September 17)
		(Singapore)			Sep. 12	Government of South Sudan and relevant parties including anti-government forces sign the
	0ct. 20	5th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (Singapore)				Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict
	0ct. 24	Disaster relief teams dispatched to provide water			Sep. 14 Sep. 18	Inter-Korean Liaison Office opens (Kaesong) U.S. DoD releases its Cyber Strategy
		supply support in Suo-oshima Town, Yamaguchi Prefecture (through November 7)			Sep. 18 Sep. 18	The Inter-Korean Summit (through September 20)
	Oct. 29	Keen Sword19/30FTX (through November 8)			Sep. 18	Syrian Army accidentally shoots down a Russian aircraft
	Dec.06	Disaster relief teams dispatched for search and rescue of U.S. aircraft crew off the coast of Shikoku (through			Sep. 19	Three Russian aircraft, including a fighter, make a long-distance flight over the Sea of Japan (an Su-35 fighter is confirmed by scramble for the first time)
		December 11)			Sep. 20	U.S. DoD designates the Equipment Development Department of the Central Military Commission
	Dec. 11	FY2018 Exercise for the rescue of Japanese nationals				of China as a subject to sanctions
	Dec. 20	overseas (in Japan) (through December 14) Incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its			Sep. 24 Sep. 30	U.S. DoD notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$330 million) A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of
		Incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft occurs			00p.30	Gaven Reefs and Johnson South Reef in Spratly Islands (reported)
	Dec. 25	Disaster relief teams dispatched for the first time in response to swine fever outbreak in Seki City, Gifu			Sep. 30	A Chinese naval destroyer approaches abnormally close to a U.S. vessel
		Prefecture (through December 27)			0ct. 02	A Chinese vessel sails northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
	Dec. 26	1st annual meeting of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense			0ct. 02	Inauguration of a new government in Iraq
		Authorities of Japan and China (Beijing)			0ct. 02	A Saudi Arabian journalist dies in the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Turkey
	Dec. 28	Footage of the incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft			0ct.04	U.S. releases National Strategy for Counterterrorism
		released			Oct. 16 Oct. 19	A U.S. bomber flies over the South China Sea U.S. and ROK Governments announce suspension of the Vigilant Ace exercise, a joint military
					000.10	exercise scheduled for December 2018
					Oct. 20	President Trump announces an intention to withdraw from the INF Treaty
					0ct. 20 0ct. 22	General election in Afghanistan (House of the People) Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
					Oct. 22	First ASEAN-China maritime exercise (Zhanjiang) (through October 28)
					0ct. 25	Prime Minister Abe visits China (through October 27)
					Oct. 25	Israel-Oman Summit
					0ct. 28 0ct. 29	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through October 29) A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to
					000.20	reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
					Nov. 11	Ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (Paris)
					Nov. 17 Nov. 19	APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Papua New Guinea) (through November 18) A U.S. bomber flies over the South China Sea (reported)
					Nov. 24	Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen resigns as chairperson of the Democratic Progressive Party after
					Nov 05	suffering a major defeat in the general election
					Nov. 25 Nov. 26	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through November 26) A U.S. naval cruiser conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around Paracel Islands in the
						South China Sea (reported)
					Nov. 26	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
					Nov. 28	Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
					Dec. 01	U.SChina Summit (Osaka)
					Dec. 05	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Peter the Great Gulf (reported)
					Dec.06	Yemen peace talks (through December 13)
					Dec. 07	A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island
					Dec. 08	to the Pacific Ocean A Chinese vessel sails westward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to
						the East China Sea
					Dec. 11	A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
					Dec. 12	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and
						Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. After flying to off the coast of Amami Oshima Island, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
					Dec. 14	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and
						Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. After flying to off the coast of Amami Oshima Island, it turns around, and passes between the main Island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
					Dec.14	A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island
					Dec 27	to the East China Sea UAE reopens its embassy in Syria
					Dec. 27 Dec. 27	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to
			L			reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
2019	Jan. 11	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Brest)	Jan. 08 Jan. 09	Japan-Rwanda Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Netherlands Summit (Rotterdam)	Jan. 01	A U.S. Aegis destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" in Paracel Islands Chairman Kim Jong-un expresses his intention to neither make and test nuclear weapons any
	Jan. 11	Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Brest)	Jan. 09 Jan. 10	Japan-Netherlands Summit (Rotterdam) Japan-U.K. Summit (London)	Jan. 01	longer nor use and proliferate them in his "New Year's Address" in 2019
	Jan. 14	Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 2019 (Thailand)	Jan. 22	Japan-Russia Summit (Moscow)	Jan. 07	Kim Jong-un visits China (through January 10)
	Jan. 17	(through February 23) Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting	Jan. 23	Japan-Brazil Summit (Davos)	Jan. 07	A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles around Paracel Islands
		Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Washington, D.C.)	Jan. 29 Feb. 04	Japan-Qatar Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Germany Summit (Tokyo)	Jan. 15	ROK releases Defense White Paper 2018
	Jan. 21	FY2018 SDF Joint Exercises (command post exercise) (through January 26)	Feb. 04 Feb. 15	Japan-Australia Summit (Tokyo)	Jan. 17	United States releases the Missile Defense Review (MDR)
	Jan. 21	The MOD published its final statement regarding the	Feb. 20	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 24	Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
		incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft	Feb. 28	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 24	A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
	1 00	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 08 Mar. 24	Japan-Palau Summit (Tokyo) Replacement of government aircraft from B-747 to	Feb. 02	U.S. provides Russia with formal notice to withdrawal from the INF Treaty
	Jan. 23	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to forest		B-777	Feb. 11	Two U.S. destroyers conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Mischief Reef
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2019	Feb. 14	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine fever outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture (through	Apr. 25 Apr. 25	Japan-Slovakia Summit (Bratislava) 3rd "V4 plus Japan" Summit Meeting (Bratislava)	Mar. 24 Mar. 24	General election in Thailand (House of Representatives) Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
	Feb. 19	February 20) Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine	Apr. 25 Apr. 25	Japan-Czech Summit (Bratislava) Japan-EU Summit (Brussels)	Mar. 25 Mar. 28	U.S. President Trump recognizes Israel's sovereign right over the Golan Heights A Chinese vessel sails eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Feb. 20	fever outbreak in Mizunami City, Gifu Prefecture (through February 21) Air rescue in response to a radar losing track of an F-2	Apr. 26 Apr. 28	Japan-U.S. Summit (Washington, D.C.) Japan-Canada Summit (Ottawa)	Mar. 30	Four Chinese bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft, and two presumed fighter jets fly from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and
	Mar. 03	of Tsuiki Air Base Pacific Partnership 2019 (through May 19)	Apr. 30	Taiirei-Seiden-no-gi	Apr 01	fly over the Pacific Ocean, they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again Chinace instellionene onthering extension and two herehers fly from the East China Cao. After
	Mar. 08	ADMM-Plus Medicine Field Training Exercise (MEDEX 2019) (Lucknow) (through March 18)			Apr. 01	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft and two bombers fly from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean, they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island
	Mar. 12	23rd Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo Defense Forum) (Tokyo) (through March 13)			Apr. 02	again Three Russian vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait southward and move to the East China Sea
	Mar. 12	Turnover ceremony for the UH-1H parts, etc., grant of a portion of the parts, etc.			Apr. 02	A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
	Mar. 26 Mar. 27	Establishment of Camp Amami and Camp Miyakojima Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine			Apr. 05	A Chinese vessel sails southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island temporarily to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar. 28	fever outbreak in Seto City, Aichi Prefecture (through March 30) Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine			Apr. 05	A Russian patrol aircraft flies from off the coast of Sanin through off the coast of the Noto Peninsula
		fever outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture (through April 1)			Apr. 06 Apr. 09 Apr. 15	A French vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait General election in Israel A Chinese vessel sails between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island southeastward,
	Apr. 02	Cabinet Decision on the "Implementation Plan for International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Sinai Peninsula"			Арі. 15	and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on the same day, the vessel sails between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island northwestward to the East China Sea
	Apr. 05	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to forest fire in Sakuho Town, Nagano Prefecture (through April			Apr. 15 Apr. 15	Four Chinese bombers and an electronic warfare aircraft fly from the Bashi Channel, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and fly to the East China Sea U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$500 million)
	Apr. 09	Air rescue in response to the crash of an F-35A fighter of Misawa Air Base			Apr. 13 Apr. 17 Apr. 21	Presidential election in Indonesia Bomb attacks by Islamic extremists occur simultaneously in Colombo and other places, Sri Lanka
	Apr. 10	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine fever outbreak in Seto City, Aichi Prefecture (through			Apr. 24 Apr. 26	Kim Jong-un visits Russia (through April 26) Five Russian vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
	Apr. 17	April 13) Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Apr. 28	Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
	Apr. 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine fever outbreak in Ena City, Gifu Prefecture (through April 19)			Apr. 28 Apr. 29	Four Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait to the Sea of Japan China-Russia joint naval exercise "Joint Sea 2019" (Qingdao) (through May 4)
	Apr. 19	Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Washington, D.C.)				
	Apr. 19 Apr. 23	Japan–U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2) (Washington, D.C.) Japan-Bulgaria State Defense Minister-Level Meeting				
2019	May 02	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hanoi)	May 01 May 01	Kenji-to-Shokei-no-gi Sokui-go-Choken-no-gi	May 03	A Russian patrol aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the Sea of Japan, and flies to the East China Sea. Thereafter, it passes through the Tsushima Strait again, and flies to the Sea of Japan
	May17	Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation	May 06 May 17	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk Enactment of the revised Act on Prohibition of Flight	May 04 May 06	North Korea launches ballistic missiles Two U.S. vessels conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Gaven
		Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)"	May 27	of UASs around and over Key Facilities Japan-U.S. Summit (Tokyo)	May 06	Reefs and Johnson South Reef Five Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait to the Sea of Japan
	May 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine fever outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture, etc. (through May 20)	May 29 May 30	Japan-Bangladesh Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Laos Summit (Tokyo)	May 09 May 11	North Korea launches ballistic missiles Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Tsugaru Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	May 18	Disaster relief teams dispatched to rescue stranded residents due to heavy rain in Yakushiima Island,	May 31 May 31	Japan-Malaysia Summit (Tokyo) Japan-Cambodia Summit (Tokyo)	May 19 May 19	Federal election in Australia A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of
	May 19	Kagoshima Prefecture (through May 20) Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to water	May 31 Jun. 06	Japan-Philippines Summit (Tokyo) Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 10th and	May 22	Scarborough Shoal in Zhongsha Islands Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
		supply failure, etc. due to heavy rain in Kuchinoerabujima Island, Kagoshima Prefecture (through May 24)	Jun.10	11th Yokōta Air Base noisė suits Japan-Switzerland Summit (Tokyo)	May 23 May 26	Pakistan conducts a test launch of ballistic missiles A Chinese vessel sails southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on May 30, the vessel sails northward
	May 21	FY2019 Joint Exercise for Rescue (JXR) (through May 24)	Jun.12 Jun.14	Japan-Iran Summit (Teheran) Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	May 27	between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea Taiwan conducts a military field exercise "Han Kuang 35" (through May 31)
	May 22 May 23	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo) Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 26 Jun. 27 Jun. 27	Japan-France Summit (Tokyo) Japan-EU Summit (Osaka) Japan-India Summit (Osaka)	May 29	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft flies from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and flying over the Pacific Ocean, it turns around,
	May 27 May 27	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to forest fire in Hinohara Village, Tokyo (through May 29) Disaster relief teams dispatched to rescue missing	Jun. 27 Jun. 27 Jun. 27	Japan-Argentina Summit (Osaka) Japan-Egypt Summit (Osaka)		and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again. In addition, just around the same time, a Chinese electronic warfare aircraft flies over the East China Sea to near the Tsushima Strait
	iviay 21	persons due to ship collision off the coast of Inubosaki, Chiba Prefecture (through May 31)	Jun. 27 Jun. 27	Japan-Australia Summit (Osaka) Japan-China Summit (Osaka)	May 30 Jun. 01	Inauguration of 2nd Modi government of India U.S. DoD releases the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report (IPSR)
	May 27	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to forest fire in Oumu Town, Hokkaido (through June 4)	Jun. 28	G20 Osaka Summit chaired by Prime Minister Abe (through June 29)	Jun. 08 Jun. 08	Two Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk Two Russian vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island
	May 30 May 30	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo) Japan-Russia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	Jun. 28 Jun. 28	Japan-U.S. Summit (Osaka) Japan-U.SIndia Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 10	Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning," sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Jun.01	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 28 Jun. 28	Japan-Germany Summit (Osaka) Japan-U.K. Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 12 Jun. 13	Three Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait Commercial vessels, including one related to Japan, are attacked near the Straits of Hormuz
	Jun. 01 Jun. 01	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore) Japan-U.SAustralia Defense Ministerial Meeting	Jun. 28 Jun. 29	Japan-Thailand Summit (Osaka) Japan-South Africa Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 14	China Coast Guard vessels sail in the Japanese contiguous zone around Senkaku Islands for the longest-ever period of 64 consecutive days A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Mivakoiima Island
	Jun.01	(Singapore) Japan-U.SROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 29 Jun. 29	Japan-Brazil Summit (Osaka) Japan-Russia Summit (Osaka)	Jun. 16 Jun. 16	A clinices resset sails not investigate devicen the main stand of ownew and my available to the fast China Sea A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft files from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and flying over the Pacific Ocean, it turns around,
	Jun.04	Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Tokyo)				and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
	Jun.05	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine fever outbreak in Yamagata City, Gifu Prefecture, etc.			Jun. 18 Jun. 20	Two Canadian vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait Two Russian long-range bombers fly around Jagan, and intrude into Japan's territorial airspace twice when flying northward over the Pacific Ocean
	Jun. 17	(through June 8) Establishment of Aegis Ashore Introduction Promotion Headquarters			Jun. 20 Jun.	Iran shoots down a U.S. drone over the Straits of Hormuz President Xi Jinping visits North Korea (the first visit to North Korea by a Chinese president since
	Jun. 21	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to forest fire in Kitagawa Village, Aki County, Kochi Prefecture			20-21	the last visit by then President Hu Jintao 14 years earlier in 2005. President Xi visits North Korea for the first time in about 11 years since his last visit in 2008 as Vice President)
	Jun. 29	(through June 22) Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to swine fever outbreak in Nishio City. Aichi Prefecture (through			Jun. 21 Jun. 23	Two Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
	Jul. 25	July 2) Revision of the Guidelines Regarding Off-Base U.S.			Jun. 30 Jul. 02	Leaders of U.S. and North Korea meet at Panmunjom China conducts the first test launch of anti-ship ballistic missiles in the South China Sea from June through July (reported)
	Aug. 07	Military Aircraft Accidents in Japan Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Jul. 06 Jul. 08	Two Chinese vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$2.2 billion)
					Jul. 15 Jul. 22	Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
					Jul. 22	A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on July 23, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
					Jul. 23	Two Chinese bombers and two Russian bombers pass through the Tsushima Strait and fly southward over the East China Sea. Thereafter, the two Chinese bombers fly northwestward to the southeast while the two Burgian bombers area between the main lead of Chinese and the southeast while the two southeast and the southeast th
						continent, while the two Russian bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean. After turning around, the Russian bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again, fly northward over the East
						China Sea, and pass through the Tsushima Štraiť again. In addition, an early warning and control aircraft A-50 that reportedly supports the Russian bombers intrudes into Japan's territorial airspace over Takeshima Island
					Jul. 24	China releases the 10th Defense White Paper "China's National Defense in the New Era" (for the first time in about four years)
					Jul. 25 Jul. 25	A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait North Korea launches ballistic missiles
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