

Defense Chronology

Year	Defense	Domestic	International
1945		<p>Aug. 15 World War II ends</p> <p>Aug. 17 Higashikuniomiya Cabinet established</p> <p>Sep. 2 GHQ established</p> <p>Oct. 9 Shidehara Cabinet established</p> <p>Oct. 15 General Staff Office and Military Command abolished</p> <p>Nov. 30 Army and Navy Ministries abolished</p>	<p>Aug. 17 Republic of Indonesia declares independence</p> <p>Aug. 28 Provisional government of People's Republic of Vietnam established</p> <p>Oct. 24 United Nations established</p>
1946		<p>Jan. 4 GHQ orders purge from public office</p> <p>Jan. 27 GHQ orders the suspension of Japanese administrative right over Ryukyu and Ogasawara Islands</p> <p>Feb. 26 Far East Commission formed</p> <p>Apr. 5 First meeting of Allied Council on Japan</p> <p>Apr. 24 Civil administration of Okinawa established</p> <p>May 3 International Military Tribunal for the Far East opened</p> <p>May 22 Yoshida Cabinet established</p> <p>Nov. 3 The Constitution of Japan promulgated</p>	<p>Jan. 10 First session of U.N. General Assembly (London, through February 14)</p> <p>Mar. 5 Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech</p> <p>Oct. 1 International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg delivers verdicts</p> <p>Dec. 19 First Indochina War starts (through 1954)</p>
1947		<p>May 3 The Constitution of Japan takes effect</p> <p>Jun. 1 Katayama Cabinet established</p> <p>Dec. 17 Police Law promulgated (National Rural Police and municipal police forces established)</p>	<p>Mar. 12 Truman Doctrine announced</p> <p>Jun. 5 Marshall Plan announced</p> <p>Aug. 15 India and Pakistan gain independence</p> <p>Oct. 5 First India-Pakistan conflict (through 1965)</p> <p>Cominform established</p>
1948		<p>Mar. 10 Ashida Cabinet established</p> <p>Apr. 27 Japan Coast Guard Law promulgated</p> <p>Oct. 19 Second Yoshida Cabinet established</p> <p>Nov. 12 International Military Tribunal for the Far East delivers verdicts</p>	<p>Apr. 1 USSR imposes Berlin blockade (through May 12, 1949)</p> <p>May 14 Israel gains independence First Middle East War starts (through February 24, 1949)</p> <p>Jun. 11 U.S. Senate Vandenberg resolution</p> <p>Jun. 26 Berlin airlift starts</p> <p>Aug. 15 Republic of Korea (ROK) declares independence</p> <p>Sep. 9 North Korea established</p>
1949		<p>Feb. 16 Third Yoshida Cabinet established</p> <p>Jul. 5 Shimoyama incident</p> <p>Jul. 15 Mitaka incident</p> <p>Aug. 17 Matsukawa incident</p>	<p>Jan. 25 Council for Mutual Economic Cooperation (COMECON) established</p> <p>Apr. 4 North Atlantic Treaty signed by 12 nations (becomes effective August 24) (NATO established)</p> <p>Apr. 21 Nationalist-Communist talks break up; Chinese Communist Army launches general offensive</p> <p>May 6 Federal Republic of Germany established (West Germany)</p> <p>Sep. 24 USSR declares possession of atomic bomb</p> <p>Oct. 1 People's Republic of China established</p> <p>Oct. 7 German Democratic Republic established (East Germany)</p> <p>Dec. 7 Chinese Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan</p>
1950	<p>Jul. 8 General MacArthur authorizes the establishment of the National Police Reserve, consisting of 75,000 men, and the expansion of the Japan Coast Guard by 8,000 men</p> <p>Aug. 10 National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect</p> <p>Aug. 13 Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police Reserve begins</p> <p>Aug. 14 Masuhara appointed first Director-General of the National Police Reserve</p> <p>Sep. 7 National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima</p>	<p>Jun. 21 John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of State, visits Japan</p> <p>Jun. 28 Reshuffled third Yoshida Cabinet established</p> <p>Nov. 24 U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan</p>	<p>Jan. 27 U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries</p> <p>Feb. 14 Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance signed</p> <p>Jun. 25 Korean War (ends July 27, 1953)</p> <p>Jul. 7 United Nations Force formed for dispatch to Korea</p> <p>Sep. 15 U.N. troops land at Inchon</p> <p>Oct. 25 Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War</p> <p>Dec. 18 NATO Defense Commission agrees to establishment of NATO Forces</p>
1951	<p>Jan. 23 Minister of State Ohashi takes charge of the National Police Reserve</p> <p>Mar. 1 Special recruitment of Military and Naval Academy graduates to serve as police officers 1st and 2nd class begins</p> <p>Oct. 20 Ozuki unit dispatched for the first time on a rescue relief operation to Kita Kawachi Village, Yamaguchi Prefecture, in the wake of Typhoon Ruth</p>	<p>Jan. 29 First Yoshida-Dulles talks (peace treaty negotiations)</p> <p>Jul. 4 Reshuffled third Yoshida Cabinet appointed (second term)</p> <p>Sep. 8 49 countries sign Peace Treaty with Japan;</p> <p>Oct. 26 Japan-U.S. Security Treaty concluded</p> <p>House of Representatives approves Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty (House of Councilors approval given November 18)</p> <p>Dec. 26 Reshuffled third Yoshida Cabinet appointed (third term)</p>	<p>Apr. 11 MacArthur was dismissed as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers</p> <p>Aug. 30 Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers dismissed</p> <p>Sep. 1 U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty signed</p> <p>Australia-New Zealand-U.S. sign ANZUS Treaty</p>
1952	<p>Feb. 28 Japan-U.S. Administrative Agreement signed</p> <p>Apr. 26 Maritime Guard established within the Japan Coast Guard</p> <p>Jul. 26 Japan-U.S. Facilities and Areas Agreement signed</p> <p>Jul. 31 National Safety Agency Law promulgated</p> <p>Aug. 1 National Safety Agency established; Prime Minister Yoshida concurrently appointed Director-General of the National Safety Agency; Coastal Safety Force inaugurated</p> <p>Oct. 15 National Safety Force inaugurated</p> <p>Oct. 30 Kimura appointed Director-General of the National Safety Agency</p> <p>Nov. 12 Japan-U.S. Ship Leasing Agreement signed</p>	<p>Apr. 28 Japan-Taiwan Peace Treaty concluded</p> <p>Japan-U.S. Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty enter into force</p> <p>Far East Commission, Allied Council, and GHQ Abolished</p> <p>May 1 May Day riot at Imperial Palace Plaza</p> <p>Jul. 21 Subversive Activities Prevention Law promulgated and enters into force</p> <p>Oct. 30 Fourth Yoshida Cabinet established</p>	<p>Jan. 19 ROK proclaims sovereignty over neighboring ocean areas (Rhee Line)</p> <p>May 26 U.S., U.K., and France sign peace agreement with Germany</p> <p>May 27 European Defense Community (EDC) Treaty signed</p> <p>Oct. 31 U.K. carries out its first atomic bomb test</p> <p>Nov. 1 U.S. carries out its first hydrogen bomb test</p>
1953	<p>Jan. 1 Security Advisory Group in Japan inaugurated</p> <p>Apr. 1 National Safety Academy (predecessor of National Defense Academy) established</p> <p>Sep. 27 Yoshida and Shigemitsu talk</p> <p>Oct. 30 Ikeda-Robertson talks; joint statement issued on gradual increase in self-defense strength</p>	<p>May 21 Fifth Yoshida Cabinet established</p> <p>Dec. 25 Japanese administrative rule over Amami Islands restored</p>	<p>Jan. 20 Eisenhower becomes U.S. President</p> <p>Mar. 5 USSR General Secretary Stalin dies (Malenkov takes over March 6)</p> <p>Jul. 27 Korean War Armistice Agreement signed</p> <p>Aug. 12 USSR carries out its first hydrogen bomb test</p> <p>Oct. 1 U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty signed</p>
1954	<p>Mar. 8 Mutual Defense Assistance (MDA) agreement signed</p> <p>May 14 Japan and U.S. sign Land Lease Agreement on naval vessels</p> <p>Jun. 2 House of Councilors passes resolution prohibiting dispatch of troops overseas</p> <p>Jun. 9 Promulgation of Defense Agency Establishment Law, Self-Defense Forces Law and Protection of National Secrecy Law pertaining to the MDA</p> <p>Jul. 1 Defense Agency established; Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces inaugurated</p> <p>Dec. 10 Omura appointed Minister of State for Defense</p>	<p>Mar. 1 Daigo Fukuryu maru (Lucky Dragon V) incident</p> <p>Dec. 10 Hatoyama Cabinet established</p>	<p>Jan. 21 U.S. launches world's first nuclear submarine (USS Nautilus)</p> <p>Mar. 1 U.S. carries out hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll</p> <p>Mar. 14 Khrushchev becomes Soviet Union Communist Party General Secretary</p> <p>Jul. 21 Geneva Agreement on armistice in Indochina signed</p> <p>Sep. 3 Chinese People's Liberation Army shells Quemoy and Matsu for the first time</p> <p>Sep. 8 South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed by signing of collective defense pact</p> <p>Dec. 2 U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty signed</p>
1955	<p>Mar. 19 Sugihara appointed Minister of State for Defense</p> <p>May 6 Live shell fire by U.S. forces at Kita Fuji Maneuver Area; opposition to firing intensifies</p> <p>Jul. 31 Sunada appointed Minister of State for Defense</p> <p>Nov. 22 Funada appointed Minister of State for Defense</p>	<p>Mar. 19 Second Hatoyama Cabinet established</p> <p>May 8 Protests begin at Sunagawa Base</p> <p>Aug. 6 First World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held in Hiroshima</p> <p>Aug. 31 Shigemitsu-Dulles meeting; joint statement issued on revision of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty</p> <p>Nov. 14 Japan-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement signed</p> <p>Nov. 22 Third Hatoyama Cabinet established</p> <p>Dec. 19 Atomic Energy Basic Law promulgated</p>	<p>Apr. 18 Africa-Asia conference held at Bandung</p> <p>May 5 West Germany formally admitted to NATO</p> <p>May 14 Signing of Warsaw Pact (WPO starts)</p>
1956	<p>Mar. 23 Defense Agency moved to Kasumigaseki</p> <p>Apr. 26 First Japan-made destroyer Harukaze completed</p> <p>Jul. 2 National Defense Council Composition Law promulgated</p> <p>Sep. 20 First domestically-produced F-86F fighter delivered</p> <p>Dec. 23 Prime Minister Ishibashi concurrently becomes Minister of State for Defense</p>	<p>Feb. 9 House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bomb tests (House of Councilors, February 10)</p> <p>Oct. 19 Joint declaration on restoration of Japanese-Soviet relations</p> <p>Dec. 18 Japan joins the U.N.</p> <p>Dec. 23 Ishibashi Cabinet established</p>	<p>Feb. 14 Stalin criticized at the 20th Congress of Soviet Communist Party in Moscow; Khrushchev proclaims policy of peaceful co-existence with the West</p> <p>Apr. 17 USSR announces dissolution of Cominform</p> <p>Jul. 26 Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal</p> <p>Oct. 23 Hungarian Revolution</p> <p>Oct. 29 Second Middle East War (Suez War; through November 6)</p>

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1957	Jan. 31 Acting Prime Minister Kishi concurrently becomes, ad interim, Minister of State for Defense Feb. 2 Kotaki appointed Minister of State for Defense May 20 Basic Guidelines for National Defense adopted by the National Defense Council and the Cabinet Jun. 14 First Defense Build-up Plan adopted by the National Defense Council and approved by the Cabinet Jun. 21 Kishi-Eisenhower talks; joint statement on the early withdrawal of the USFJ issued Jul. 10 Tsushima appointed Minister of State for Defense Sep. 10 National Defense Council decision to produce P2V-7 42 aircraft domestically, Cabinet report on September 17	Feb. 25 Kishi Cabinet established Mar. 15 House of Councilors passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs Jul. 10 Reshuffled Kishi Cabinet established Aug. 6 Japan-U.S. Security Council inaugurated Aug. 27 Trial startup of reactor at Tokaimura	May 15 U.K. conducts its first hydrogen bomb test Aug. 26 USSR announces successful ICBM test Oct. 4 USSR launches the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1 Nov. 23 World Congress of Communist Parties issues the Moscow Declaration
1958	Jan. 14 First ocean training exercises (Hawaii, through February 28) Feb. 17 ASDF begins airspace anti-intrusion measures Jun. 12 Sato appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 1 Japan becomes non-permanent member of the U.N. Security Council Apr. 18 House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs Jun. 12 Second Kishi Cabinet established Sep. 11 Fujiyama-Dulles talks (Washington); agreement on revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Oct. 4 Commencement of Japan-U.S. talks on the revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Jan. 1 European Economic Community (EEC) starts Jan. 31 U.S. successfully launches an artificial satellite Aug. 23 Chinese People's Liberation Army attack on Quemoy intensifies Oct. 23 Dulles talks with Chiang Kaishek; joint statement issued denying counteroffensive against mainland China Dec. 17 U.S. test-launches Atlas ICBM
1959	Jan. 12 Ino appointed Minister of State for Defense Jun. 18 Akagi appointed Minister of State for Defense Sep. 26 Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to Typhoon Vera Nov. 6 National Defense Council decision to produce 200 F-104 aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet on November 10	Mar. 30 Tokyo District Court ruled the stationing of U.S. forces to be unconstitutional in the Sunagawa case Jun. 18 Second reshuffled Kishi Cabinet established Dec. 16 Original ruling in the Sunagawa case was reversed by the Supreme Court	Mar. 31 14th Dalai Lama is exiled to India Aug. 25 China-India border dispute Sep. 18 USSR General Secretary Khrushchev proposes complete military reductions at U.N. Sep. 27 U.S.-Soviet summit; joint statement issued at Camp David Dec. 1 Antarctica Treaty signed
1960	Jan. 11 Defense Agency moves to Hinoki-cho May 24 Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to the earthquake and tsunami in Chile Jul. 19 Esaki appointed Minister of State for Defense Dec. 8 Nishimura appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 19 New Japan-U.S. Security Treaty signed (enters into force June 23) Jul. 19 Ikeda Cabinet established Dec. 8 Second Ikeda Cabinet established	Feb. 13 France conducts its first nuclear test in the Sahara Apr. 27 Rhee resigns as President of ROK May 1 U-2 reconnaissance plane belonging to U.S. shot down in Soviet airspace Jul. 20 U.S. conducts successful underwater launch of Polaris SLBM Dec. 20 Formation of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front
1961	Jan. 13 National Defense Council decides to reorganize GDSF units (into 13 divisions); presented to Cabinet January 20 Jul. 18 Fujieda appointed Minister of State for Defense; Second Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet	Jul. 18 Reshuffled second Ikeda Cabinet established	Jan. 20 Kennedy becomes U.S. President Apr. 12 USSR successfully launches manned spacecraft May 16 Military junta seizes power in a coup in ROK Jul. 6 Soviet-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed Jul. 11 Sino-North Korean Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed Aug. 13 Construction of Berlin Wall
1962	Jul. 18 Shiga appointed Minister of State for Defense Aug. 15 GDSF completes 13 division organization Oct. 15 Type 61 tank first introduced Nov. 1 Defense Facilities Administration Agency established Nov. 9 Shiga visits U.S. for first time as Minister of State for Defense (through November 26)	Jul. 18 Reshuffled second Ikeda Cabinet appointed (second term)	Jul. 23 International Agreement on the Neutrality of Laos signed in Geneva International Conference Oct. 20 China-India border dispute (through November 22) Oct. 24 U.S. Navy imposes sea blockade of Cuba (through November 20) Oct. 28 Premier of the Soviet Union Khrushchev declares dismantling of missile bases in Cuba
1963	Jul. 18 Fukuda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jul. 18 Reshuffled second Ikeda Cabinet appointed (third term) Aug. 14 Japan joins Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Dec. 9 Third Ikeda Cabinet established	Jun. 20 Agreement signed for U.S.-Soviet hotline Aug. 8 Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed by U.S.-USSR-U.K. (enters into force on October 10) Sep. 16 Malaysian Federation established Nov. 22 President Kennedy assassinated, Johnson becomes President Dec. 17 ROK transits to civilian government, Park Chung-hee becomes President
1964	Jul. 18 Koizumi appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun. 15 Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty enters into force for Japan Jul. 18 Third reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet established Nov. 9 Sato Cabinet established Nov. 12 U.S. nuclear submarine (Sea Dragon) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time	Aug. 2 Gulf of Tonkin incident Oct. 16 China successfully carries out its first nuclear test Brezhnev becomes USSR General Secretary
1965	Feb. 10 Diet debate on Mitsuya study Jun. 3 Matsuno appointed Minister of State for Defense Nov. 20 Icebreaker Fuji leaves on first mission to assist Antarctic observation (through April 8, 1966)	Jun. 3 Reshuffled Sato Cabinet established Jun. 22 Japan-ROK Basic Treaty signed	Feb. 7 U.S. starts bombing of North Vietnam Sep. 1 Second India-Pakistan conflict (to September 22)
1966	Aug. 1 Kambayashiyama appointed Minister of State for Defense Nov. 29 Outline of Third Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet Dec. 3 Masuda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 1 Reshuffled Sato Cabinet appointed (second term) Dec. 3 Reshuffled Sato Cabinet appointed (third term)	May 16 Cultural Revolution starts in China Jul. 1 France withdraws from the NATO command (rejoined April 4, 2009) Oct. 27 China successfully carries out its first nuclear missile test
1967	Mar. 14 Key matters for inclusion in Third Defense Build-up Plan agreed by National Defense Council; adopted by Cabinet on March 14	Feb. 17 Second Sato Cabinet established Mar. 29 Sapporo District Court rules in Eniwa Case Nov. 25 Reshuffled second Sato Cabinet established	Jan. 27 Outer Space Treaty signed Jun. 5 Third Middle East War (through June 9) Jun. 17 China successfully carries out its first hydrogen bomb test Jul. 1 Formation of European Community (EC) Aug. 8 Formation of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
1968	Nov. 30 Arita appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 19 U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (Enterprise) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time Feb. 26 New Japan-U.S. nuclear agreement signed Jun. 26 Ogasawara Islands revert to Japan Nov. 30 Reshuffled second Sato Cabinet appointed (second term)	Jan. 16 Prime Minister Wilson announces withdrawal of U.K. troops east of Suez Jan. 23 Seizure of U.S. Navy intelligence vessel Pueblo by North Korea May 13 First formal Vietnamese peace talks held in Paris Jul. 1 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signed Aug. 20 Soviet and Eastern European troops invade Czechoslovakia Aug. 24 France carries out its first hydrogen bomb test in the South Pacific
1969	Jan. 10 National Defense Council decision to produce 104 F-4E aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet Apr. 4 Japan-U.S. memorandum signed for Japanese production of F-4EJ	Nov. 21 Sato-Nixon joint statement (extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, return of Okinawa to Japan by 1972)	Jan. 20 Nixon becomes U.S. President Mar. 2 Armed clashes between Chinese and Soviet forces on Chenpao Island (Damansky Island) Apr. 15 North Korea shoots down U.S. EC-121 reconnaissance plane Jun. 10 South Vietnam announces establishment of Provisional Revolutionary Government Jul. 25 U.S. President Nixon announce Guam Doctrine (later the Nixon Doctrine)
1970	Jan. 14 Nakasone appointed Minister of State for Defense Oct. 20 Publication of "The Defense of Japan," the first white paper on defense	Jan. 14 Third Sato Cabinet established Feb. 3 Japan signs Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Feb. 11 First domestically produced artificial satellite successfully launched Mar. 31 Yodo hijacking Jun. 23 Automatic extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Nov. 25 Yukio Mishima commits suicide by ritual disembowelment at the GDSF Eastern Army Headquarters in Ichigaya	Jan. 24 Formation of integrated WPO (Warsaw Pact) forces (involving seven countries) Mar. 5 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force Apr. 16 U.S. and USSR begin SALT I strategic arms limitation talks Apr. 24 China successfully launches its first satellite Aug. 12 West Germany-USSR sign non-aggression pact
1971	Jun. 29 Okinawa Defense Agreement (Kubo-Curtis Agreement) signed Jul. 5 Masuhara appointed Minister of State for Defense Jul. 30 All Nippon Airways plane collides with SDF aircraft (Shizukuishi) Aug. 2 Nishimura appointed Minister of State for Defense Dec. 3 Ezaki appointed Minister of State for Defense Dec. 5 ASDF first domestic supersonic aircraft ASDF XT-2 delivered	Jun. 17 Agreement on the Return of Okinawa signed Jul. 5 Reshuffled third Sato Cabinet established Nov. 24 House of Representatives resolution on nonnuclear weapons	Feb. 11 Signing of treaty forbidding the use of the seabed for military purposes Aug. 9 India-Soviet Friendship Treaty signed Sep. 30 U.S. and USSR sign agreement on measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war Oct. 25 U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution to admit China and expel Taiwan Nov. 27 ASEAN declares SEA neutrality Dec. 3 Third India-Pakistan conflict

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1972	Feb. 8 National Defense Council adopts Outline of 4th Five-Year Defense Build-up Plan, approved by Cabinet on February 8 Apr. 18 National Defense Council decision on SDF deployment in Okinawa, presented to Cabinet on April 18 Jul. 7 Masuhara appointed Minister of State for Defense Oct. 9 Situation Judgment and Defense Concepts in the Fourth Defense Build-up Plan, National Defense Council determines key matters for inclusion in Fourth Defense Build-up Plan and measures to enhance civilian control, adopted by Cabinet	Jan. 7 Sato-Nixon joint statement on the agreement of the return of Okinawa and the reduction of bases Apr. 10 Japan signs Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) May 15 Return of Okinawa Jul. 7 Tanaka Cabinet established Sep. 29 Prime Minister Tanaka visits China; normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China Dec. 22 Second Tanaka Cabinet established	Feb. 27 U.S. President Nixon visits China; China-U.S. Joint Communique Apr. 10 Biological Weapons Convention signed May 26 SALT I and agreement to limit ABM signed during the visit of U.S. President Nixon to USSR Jul. 3 India-Pakistan truce signed Jul. 4 ROK and North Korea make a Joint Statement for peaceful unification Dec. 21 East-West Germany Basic Treaty signed
1973	Jan. 23 14th Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting agrees on consolidation of U.S. bases in Japan (Kanto Program) Feb. 1 Defense Agency publishes Peacetime Defense Strength May 29 Yamanaka appointed Minister of State for Defense Jul. 1 Commencement of SDF air defense mission on Okinawa	Sep. 7 Sapporo District Court rules SDF unconstitutional (Naganuma Judgment) Sep. 21 Japan-North Vietnam establish diplomatic relations Oct. 8 Japan-Soviet summit (Moscow) Nov. 25 Reshuffled second Tanaka Cabinet established	Jan. 27 Vietnam peace agreement signed (ceasefire takes effect on January 28) Feb. 21 Laos Peace Treaty signed Mar. 29 U.S. forces complete their withdrawal from Vietnam Jun. 22 General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union visits U.S.; convention on the prevention of nuclear war signed Oct. 6 Fourth Middle East War (ends October 25) Oct. 17 Ten OPEC countries decide to reduce crude oil supplies Nov. 7 Pakistan formally withdraws from SEATO
1974	Apr. 25 National Defense Medical College opens Nov. 12 Uno appointed Minister of State for Defense Dec. 9 Sakata appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 5 Japan-China Trade Agreement signed Apr. 20 Japan-China Aviation Agreement signed Oct. 8 Eisaku Sato, former Prime Minister, receives Nobel Prize Nov. 11 Reshuffled second Tanaka Cabinet appointed (second term) Nov. 13 Japan-China Marine Transport Agreement signed Dec. 9 Miki Cabinet established	Jan. 18 Israel and Egypt sign Egyptian-Israeli Disengagement Treaties May 18 India carries out its first underground nuclear test Jul. 3 U.S. President Nixon visits USSR, Treaty on the Limitation of Underground Nuclear Weapon Tests (Threshold Test Ban Treaty) signed Aug. 9 Ford becomes U.S. President Nov. 15 U.N. forces in Korea discovers a North Korean infiltration tunnel Nov. 23 U.S. President Ford visits USSR, makes joint statement on SALT II
1975	Apr. 1 Director General instructs to create draft plan for defense forces after FY1977 (second instruction October 29)		Apr. 23 U.S. President Ford declares end of Vietnam War Apr. 30 South Vietnamese Government surrenders unconditionally Aug. 1 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) adopts the Helsinki Declaration (Helsinki) Nov. 17 First summit meeting of most industrialized nations (Rambouillet, through November 17), held annually since
1976	Jun. 4 Publication of second white paper on defense, "The Defense of Japan" (henceforth published annually) Jul. 8 Sub-Committee for Defense Cooperation (SDC) established Sep. 6 MIG-25 forced to land at Hakodate Airport Oct. 29 National Defense Council, Cabinet decision on Defense Plan for Defense Build-up beyond FY1977 Nov. 5 National Defense Council and Cabinet adopt Immediate-term Defense Build-up, National Defense Council, Cabinet decision on handling major items in preparations for defense forces Dec. 24 Mihara appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun. 8 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force for Japan Aug. 5 Sapporo High Court decides Naganuma Nike suit Sep. 15 Reshuffled Miki Cabinet established Dec. 24 Fukuda Cabinet established	Apr. 5 Demonstrators and police clash in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China (1st Tiananmen Incident) Jul. 2 Socialist Republic of Vietnam (unified Vietnam) proclaimed Aug. 18 U.S. military officers slain at Panmunjom by North Korea Sep. 9 Death of Chairman of Chinese Communist Party Mao Zedong Oct. 6 Group of Four arrested (Cultural Revolution ends)
1977	Aug. 10 Defense Agency starts Emergency Legislation Study Nov. 28 Kanemaru appointed Minister of State for Defense Dec. 29 National Defense Council decides on introduction of "F-15s and P-3C," approved by Cabinet on December 29	Feb. 17 Mito District Court decides Hyakuri Base suit Jul. 1 Implementation of two maritime laws, proclaiming a 200-mile fishing zone and 12-mile territorial waters Nov. 28 Reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet established	Jan. 2 Carter becomes U.S. President Jun. 3 South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) dissolved (Treaty remains effective) Aug. 1 North Korea establishes military demarcation lines in Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea
1978	Sep. 21 Defense Agency announces modality and purpose of emergency legislation study Nov. 27 (ASDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral training exercises (east of Misawa and west of Akita, through December 1) Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee approves Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Cooperation, presented to and approved by Cabinet following deliberation by the National Defense Council on November 28 Dec. 7 Yamashita appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 12 Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People's Republic of China signed in Beijing Dec. 7 Ohira Cabinet established	Apr. 12 Chinese fishing fleet infringes on waters around Senkaku Islands Nov. 3 Vietnam-Soviet Friendship Agreement signed Dec. 5 Afghanistan-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Good Relations and Cooperation signed Dec. 25 Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia (withdrawal completed on September 26, 1989)
1979	Jan. 11 Introduction of E-2C approved by National Defense Council and Cabinet Jul. 17 Announcement of Mid-Term Defense Estimate (FY1980-FY1984) Jul. 25 Minister of State for Defense Yamashita makes first visit to ROK as an incumbent Minister (through July 26) Nov. 9 Kubota appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 9 Second Ohira Cabinet established	Jan. 1 U.S. and China normalize diplomatic relations, U.S. notifies termination of the U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty after one year Jan. 7 Fall of Phnom Penh, establishment of Heng Samrin regime announced Feb. 11 Islamic Revolution takes place in Iran Feb. 17 Sino-Vietnamese War (through March 5) Mar. 26 Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed Jun. 18 SALT II signed Oct. 26 Assassination of ROK President Park Chung Hee Dec. 27 Soviet Union invades Afghanistan
1980	Feb. 4 Hosoda appointed Minister of State for Defense Feb. 26 Maritime Self-Defense Force takes part in RIMPAC for the first time (through March 18) Jul. 17 Omura appointed Minister of State for Defense Aug. 18 Interceptors begin to be armed with missiles Aug. 19 Arming escorts with live torpedoes announced Sep. 3 First meeting of the Japan-U.S. Systems and Technology Forum (Washington, through September 4)	Jul. 17 House of Councilors establishes special committee for Security Treaty, Okinawa, and Northern Islands issues Suzuki Cabinet established	Apr. 11 Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance lapses May 18 China tests an ICBM in the direction of the South Pacific Ocean for the first time Aug. 21 Soviet nuclear submarine has an accident off Okinawa main island Sep. 22 Iran and Iraq enter into full-fledged war
1981	Apr. 22 Defense Agency announces classification of the laws and regulations subject to the Studies on Emergency Legislation Oct. 1 (GSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises (in communications) staged at Higashi Fuji Maneuver Area (through October 3) Nov. 30 Ito appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 6 February 7 decided as Northern Islands Day (Cabinet authorized) Jul. 7 Tokyo High Court decides Hyakuri Base suit Jul. 13 Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court decides 1st and 2nd Yokota Air Base noise suits Nov. 30 Reshuffled Suzuki Cabinet established	Dec. 13 Poland declares martial law and establishes the Military Council of National Salvation
1982	Feb. 15 (GSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (staged at Takigahara, through February 19) May 15 Use of some sections of land within facilities and areas located in Okinawa starts under the Special Land Lease Law Jul. 23 1981 Mid-Term Defense Estimate presented to and approved by National Defense Council Nov. 27 Tanigawa appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun. 8 BWC enters into force in Japan Jun. 9 Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW), Protocols I, II and III concluded Sep. 9 Supreme Court ruled on Naganuma Nike Missile Base Case Oct. 20 Yokohama District Court decides 1st Atsugi Air Facility noise suit Nov. 27 Nakasone Cabinet established	Apr. 2 Falklands dispute (ends June 14) Apr. 25 Israel returns all of Sinai Peninsula Jun. 6 Israeli forces invade Lebanon Jun. 29 Commencement of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START-I) U.S.-Soviet Union (Geneva) Aug. 17 U.S.-China Joint Statement about U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan Oct. 12 China successfully tests SLBM water launch Nov. 12 Andropov becomes Soviet General Secretary
1983	Jan. 14 Government decides to pave the way for the transfer of military technologies to the U.S. (Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary) Jun. 12 Director Tanigawa first Defense Agency Director to inspect Northern Islands Nov. 8 Signing of negotiation statement for sharing military technology with the U.S. based on the U.S. and Japan Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement Dec. 12 (ASDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (staged at Fuchu, through December 15) Dec. 27 Kurihara appointed Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 27 Second Nakasone Cabinet established	Jan. 1 U.S. establishes new Unified Combatant Command (Central Command) Mar. 23 U.S. President Reagan announces Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) Sep. 1 KAL airliner shot down by Soviet fighters near Sakhalin Oct. 9 19 ROK government officials, including cabinet ministers, killed in Burma by North Korean terrorists Oct. 25 U.S. and six Caribbean nations send troops to Grenada

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1984	Jun. 11 (MSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (staged at Yokosuka, through June 15) Oct. 16 Defense Agency announces procedures, etc., of future Studies on Emergency Legislation in Studies on Legislation to Deal with Emergencies Nov. 1 Kato appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 1 Reshuffled second Nakasone Cabinet established	Jan. 1 May 23 Brunei gains independence from the U.K. (joins ASEAN on January 7) Kim Il-sung visits USSR (through May 26)
1985	Apr. 2 USAF begins to station F-16 fighters at Misawa Aug. 12 JAL aircraft crashes, rescue team dispatched Sep. 18 Mid-Term Defense Program approved by National Defense Council and Cabinet, National Defense Council decision to introduce Patriots, Cabinet agreement Dec. 27 Detailed arrangements for the supply of military technologies to the U.S. concluded	Aug. 12 Japan Airlines aircraft crashes Dec. 28 Reshuffled second Nakasone Cabinet appointed (second term)	Mar. 12 U.S.-Soviet Union arms control talks begin Jun. 4 China announces the reduction of one million personnel from the People's Liberation Army Nov. 19 U.S.-Soviet summit meeting, Joint Statement (Geneva, through November 21)
1986	Feb. 24 First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint command post exercise (Hinoki-cho, headquarters of USFJ, etc., through February 28) Jul. 1 Security Council Establishment Law enacted Jul. 22 Kurihara appointed Minister of State for Defense Sep. 5 Government approves the first transfer of military technology to the U.S. Oct. 27 First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint field training exercise (eastern and southern part of Honshu island, etc., through October 31)	Apr. 9 Tokyo High Court rules on first Atsugi Base noise suit Jul. 22 Third Nakasone Cabinet established Aug. 15 Japan, U.S., USSR open hotline operations	Apr. 26 Accident at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union Aug. 10 U.S. announces suspension of its obligations to New Zealand under the ANZUS Treaty in treaty talks (San Francisco, through August 11) Sep. 22 Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE) adopts final documents (Stockholm) Oct. 15 USSR announces partial withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan
1987	Jan. 24 Security Council of Japan and Cabinet agree on a program for the future build-up of defense capacity Jan. 30 Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1) May 29 Director Kurihara first incumbent Director to visit China (through June 4) Oct. 21 Follow-on aircraft for F-1 study results decided and announced Nov. 6 Kawara appointed Minister of State for Defense Dec. 18 Security Council of Japan approves a study on the state of air defense on the high seas	May 27 Metropolitan Police Department arrests two employees of Toshiba Machine Co., Ltd., in connection with unfair exports that breach the rules of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Strategic Export Controls (COCOM) to Communist areas Aug. 26 Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams enacted Oct. 6 First Japan-U.S. Meeting on COCOM held (Tokyo, through October 7) Nov. 6 Takeshita Cabinet established	Jul. 20 U.N. Security Council adopts Iran-Iraq Conflict Cease Fire resolution (Number 598) Nov. 29 KAL airliner blown up by North Korean terrorists over the Bay of Bengal Dec. 8 INF Treaty signed
1988	Mar. 2 Revised protocol of the Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1) Apr. 12 Signing of official documents for the transfer of military technologies in certain areas of defense from the U.S. to Japan under the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement between the two countries Jul. 23 Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka) Aug. 24 Tazawa appointed Minister of State for Defense Sep. 20 First Japan-made T-4 medium trainer introduced Nov. 29 Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint development	Mar. 13 Aomori-Hakodate Undersea Tunnel opens Jun. 1 Supreme Court rules on an appeal against the enshrining of an SDF officer killed in an accident Dec. 27 Reshuffled Takeshita Cabinet established	Mar. 14 Armed clashes between China and Vietnam in the waters around the Spratly Islands May 29 U.S.-Soviet Union summit talks (Moscow, through June 1, instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged) 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 Oct. 17 U.S. and Philippines sign negotiated agreement on revised Military Bases Agreement Dec. 7 General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet troops
1989	Mar. 30 New BADGE system begins operations Jun. 3 Yamazaki appointed Minister of State for Defense Aug. 10 Matsumoto appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 7 Emperor Showa dies Feb. 24 Emperor Showa's funeral Mar. 15 Hachioji branch of the Tokyo District Court rules on the 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit Apr. 1 Consumption Tax Law enforced Jun. 3 Uno Cabinet established Jun. 20 Supreme Court rules on the Hyakuri Base suit Jun. 22 Yokohama District Court decides on the Atsugi Air Facility suit to vacate the premises Aug. 10 Kaifu Cabinet established	Feb. 15 Soviet Union completes the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan Mar. 9 Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) started (Vienna) May 10 Confidence and Security-Building Measures (CSBM) started (Vienna) May 10 START-I reopened at U.S.-Soviet foreign ministers conference, agreement achieved (Moscow, through May 11) Jun. 4 Chinese martial law units fire on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in Beijing (2nd Tiananmen incident) Jun. 24 Zhao Ziyang relieved of post as General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, and replaced by Jiang Zemin Sep. 26 Vietnam completely withdraws from Cambodia Nov. 9 GDR permits free departures to the West (virtual demolition of the Berlin Wall) Dec. 2 U.S.-Soviet summit talks (Malta, through December 3)
1990	Feb. 20 Joint Military Technology Commission decides to provide "military technology related to FS-X" to U.S. Feb. 28 Ishikawa appointed Minister of State for Defense Jun. 19 Japan-U.S. Joint Committee confirms moves to prepare necessary steps to return U.S. military facilities in Okinawa (23 items) Jun. 21 Japan and the U.S. reach agreement in principle on the establishment of a ministerial conference on security Dec. 20 Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995) approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet Dec. 29 Ikeda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Feb. 28 Reshuffled second Kaifu Cabinet established Mar. 3 Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Kaifu, Bush (father) Palm Springs, through March 4) May 29 Naha District Court decides on administrative handling suit pertaining to Special Measures Law for USFJ Land Oct. 16 Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet Nov. 10 Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations annulled Nov. 12 Coronation of Emperor Nov. 23 Great Thanksgiving Festival Dec. 29 Reshuffled second Kaifu Cabinet formed	Feb. 13 U.S. and Soviet foreign ministers agree on upper limit of 195,000 U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe and 225,000 U.S. troops in Europe Mar. 15 Gorbachev appointed first president of USSR Apr. 2 Iraq invades Kuwait Oct. 3 G.H.W. Bush gives speech at Aspen Oct. 24 German unification USSR conducts underground nuclear tests in the Arctic
1991	Jan. 25 Cabinet approves ordinance on interim measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees (promulgated and enacted on January 29, annulled April 19) Apr. 24 Security Council and Cabinet decide on "Sending minesweepers to the Persian Gulf" Apr. 26 Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf Jun. 3 Disaster relief dispatch with the eruption of Fugendake on Mount Unzen Sep. 26 Aegis destroyer launching ceremony Oct. 9 SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time	Jan. 17 Cabinet approves the establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters Jan. 24 Government pledges an additional U.S.\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region Mar. 13 Kanazawa District Court rules on the first and second trials for the lawsuit pertaining to noise generated by the Komatsu Air Base Sep. 11 Miyazawa Cabinet established Nov. 5 House of Representatives establishes the Committee on National Security	Jan. 17 Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Desert Storm Mar. 31 WPO (Warsaw Pact structures) dismantled Apr. 11 Gulf War formally ended Jul. 31 U.S. and Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow Sep. 6 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 Nov. 26 Clark USAF Base formally returned to Philippines Dec. 5 Ukrainian independence declared by Supreme Council of Ukrainian Republic Dec. 8 CIS agreement signed by leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine at summit (Brest, Belarus) Dec. 25 Soviet President Gorbachev resigns
1992	Apr. 1 Custody of government aircraft (B-747) transferred to the Defense Agency Sep. 17 First female students enter National Defense Academy of Japan Departure commences of 1st Cambodia Dispatch Facilities Battalion (All units returned to Japan by September 26, 1993) Sep. 19 Departure of Electoral Observer to Cambodia (Narita) Dec. 11 Nakayama appointed Minister of State for Defense Dec. 18 Modification of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet	Apr. 27 Tokyo District Court rules on lawsuits pertaining to the surrender of land for Atsugi Air Base Jun. 19 Announcement of "International Peace Cooperation Law" (enacted August 10), announcement and enactment of "Plan to Amend Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams" Jun. 29 Law Revising Part of the Law Concerning the Dispatch of International Disaster Relief Teams comes into force Aug. 10 International Peace Cooperation Law comes into force Oct. 23 Emperor and Empress visit China (through October 28) Dec. 11 Inauguration of the Miyazawa Cabinet	Feb. 7 Twelve EC countries sign the European Union Treaty (Maastricht Treaty) Feb. 25 China promulgates and enacts Territorial Waters Act, designating the Senkaku Islands as an integral part of China May 22 North Korean soldiers invade the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and fire guns May 23 START-I Treaty signed between the U.S. and four Soviet States including Russia May 25 IAEA officials make the first designated inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities (through June 5) Aug. 24 China and the ROK establish diplomatic relations Sep. 30 U.S. returns Naval Base Subic Bay (Philippines) Nov. 9 CFE Treaty becomes formally effective Nov. 24 U.S. returns Air Station Cubi Point (Philippines) (withdrawal from Philippines complete) Dec. 3 U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to allow military action by multinational forces in Somalia Dec. 16 U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to deploy peacekeeping operations in Mozambique

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1993	Mar. 25 May 11	Jan. 13 Apr. 8	Jan. 3 Jan. 20 Mar. 12
	May 14	May 4	May 4
	Jun. 1	Jun. 9	May 29 Jun. 11
	Jul. 12	Aug. 9	Aug. 4 Sep. 1 Sep. 13 Sep. 23
	Aug. 9 Oct. 13		Nov. 1
	Dec. 2		
1994	Feb. 23 Feb. 25	Apr. 28 Jun. 30	Jun. 8
	Mar. 1 Mar. 23 Mar. 24		Jul. 8 Jul. 25 Sep. 22
	Apr. 28 Jun. 30 Nov. 9		Oct. 21
	Dec. 1		Dec. 1
	Dec. 20		Dec. 5 Dec. 18
1995	Jan. 17 Mar. 20	Aug. 8 Sep. 4	Mar. 9 May 11
	May 19	Sep. 15 Nov. 17	Jul. 11 Jul. 28 Aug. 1
	Jun. 5	Nov. 19	Dec. 14 Dec. 15
	Aug. 8 Oct. 27		Dec. 20
	Nov. 28 Dec. 14		
1996	Jan. 11 Jan. 31	Jan. 11 Apr. 12	Jan. 26 Mar. 8
	Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Mar. 23
	Apr. 17 Jul. 26	Jul. 20	Jul. 12 Jul. 29
	Aug. 28	Nov. 7 Dec. 2	Sep. 10 Sep. 18
	Oct. 29		Sep. 26
	Nov. 7 Dec. 13		Sep. 27
	Dec. 24		Oct. 3 Nov. 18
1997	Jan. 2 Jan. 20 Jun. 9	Jul. 3 Sep. 11 Dec. 3	Apr. 29 May 12 Jul. 1 Jul. 16
	Sep. 23		Oct. 8
	Dec. 19		Nov. 10 Dec. 4
1998	Mar. 26 Apr. 28	May 12	May 11 May 28
	Jun. 12	Jun. 12	Jun. 6
	Jul. 29	Jul. 30 Aug. 31	Jun. 22
	Jul. 30 Aug. 31	Sep. 1	Jul. 27
	Nov. 14	Sep. 2	Dec. 17
	Nov. 15	Sep. 24	
	Nov. 20 Dec. 25	Sep. 30 Oct. 21 Dec. 22	

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1999	Mar. 23	Discovery of a suspicious ship off the Noto Peninsula (Maritime security operations ordered on March 24)	Mar. 1	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty enters into force
	Mar. 29	GSDF establishes first brigade	Mar. 1	Shooting incident between North Korean Naval ships which had crossed the Northern Limit Line and South Korean Naval ships
	May 24	Agreement between Japan and U.S. to amend the "Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement" (adding cooperation for operations to respond to situations in areas surrounding Japan) approved in Diet (effective September 25)	Apr. 1	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
	May 28	Act Concerning the Measures for Peace and Safety of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan promulgated (enters into force August 25), Act for Partial Revision of the Self-Defense Forces Act promulgated and enters into force	Jul. 23	Russian military unit advances into the Republic of Chechnya
	Aug. 5	First Bilateral Exercise of Search and Rescue Exercise between MSDF and ROK Navy (waters west of Kyushu)	Nov. 22	U.N. Security Council adopts a comprehensive resolution relating to the Iraq issue and establishes UNMOVIC in place of UNSCOM
	Aug. 16	Signing of a memorandum on developing infrastructure for the development of exchange and dialogue between Japan's and Russia's Ministries of Defense (Moscow)	Dec. 27	Rule over Macao transferred to China
	Aug. 25	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Japan and the U.S. on Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD)	Dec. 28	
	Sep. 23	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan comes into force		
	Sep. 30	SDF personnel dispatched to implement the transportation of necessary resources for international disaster relief operations in the Republic of Turkey (through November 22)		
	Oct. 5	Disaster dispatch for the accident at a uranium processing facility in Tokaimura (through October 3)		
	Nov. 22	Kawara appointed Minister of State for Defense		
	Dec. 27	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for Timor-Leste Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000)		
	2000	Jan. 17	Decision with the Japan Coast Guard on the "Joint Response Manual for Suspicious Ships"	Feb. 16
Apr. 1		Anti-personnel mine disposal begins	Apr. 5	Mori Cabinet established
May 8		Enactment of the "Self-Defense Forces Personnel Ethics Act"	Jul. 4	Second Mori Cabinet established
Jun. 16		Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building	Jul. 21	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23)
Jul. 4		The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force	Aug. 25	Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established
Sep. 13		Torashima appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 20	The 22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF
Dec. 5		SDF personnel dispatched to dispose of Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW) in China	Dec. 5	Reshuffled second Mori Cabinet established
Dec. 15	Saito appointed Minister of State for Defense			
Dec. 15	Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet adopts the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2001-FY2005)			
2001	Feb. 5	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. 10	Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes
	Feb. 9	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC (through March, 2005)	Mar. 7	Diplomatic relations established between North Korea and EU
	Mar. 1	The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect	Apr. 1	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) established
	Apr. 26	Nakatani appointed Minister of State for Defense	Apr. 26	Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur
	Aug. 8	Disaster dispatch for submarine rescue ship Chihaya to cooperate in raising the Ehime Maru (returned December 16)	Sep. 19	U.N. Security Council passes resolution condemning the terrorist attacks
	Sep. 21	Prime Minister Koizumi Cabinet established	Oct. 1	U.S. announces Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)
	Oct. 6	First Meeting of the Committee to Consider the Modality of National Defense	Oct. 2	In response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S., NATO invokes Article 5 (on collective self-defense) of the North Atlantic Treaty
	Nov. 2	International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan refugees (through October 12)	Oct. 7	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan (October 19, U.S. Forces sends special operation forces, first ground fighting)
	Nov. 25	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law are promulgated and enforced (strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy is separately enforced on November 1, 2002)	Nov. 16	Exchange of fire in the Korean demilitarized zone (DMZ)
		Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, an MSDF supply vessel, minesweeper tender, and destroyers depart for cooperation and support activities	Dec. 22	U.S. and Russia complete implementation of START-I
2002	Mar. 2	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to Timor-Leste (through June 25, 2004)	Feb. 15	U.S. President Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address
	Mar. 27	Introduction of Candidates for SDF Reserve Personnel System	Jul. 29	Russian Army returns Cam Ranh Naval Base to Vietnam
	Apr. 22	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise held (the first multilateral exercise organized by Japan, through May 2)	Sep. 17	Independence of Timor-Leste
	Sep. 30	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise held (the first multilateral exercise organized by Japan, through May 2)	Sep. 30	The United Nations Transitional Administration in Timor-Leste (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in Timor-Leste (UNMISSET)
	Oct. 1	Ishiba appointed Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 13	Signing of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions
	Nov. 1	Personnel deployed to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (Head of Operations and Planning Branch) (through July 6)	Oct. 15	U.S. withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty
	Nov. 18	Introduction of stricter penalties in order to protect classified information (defense secrets)		Exchanges of fire between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats which crossed the NLL
	Dec. 2	First SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercise in Hokkaido		U.S. government issues the "National Security Strategy"
	Dec. 16	SDF personnel dispatched for the first time to the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)		U.S. Government announces the National Security Strategy
		Kirishima, vessel equipped with Aegis air defense systems, departs the port of Yokosuka, according to revision (Dec. 5) in Implementation Plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law		U.S. Government announces that North Korea admitted the fact that they had a uranium enrichment plan for nuclear weapons during Assistant Secretary of State Kerry's visit
				Nov. 14
			Nov. 21	NATO Summit decides new membership for seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe, announces the Prague Declaration, and agrees to establish its high-readiness unit
			Dec. 12	North Korea announces it will resume operation and establishment of nuclear-related facilities
			Dec. 17	U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system

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2003	Feb. 8	Disposal of antipersonnel landmines complete (with some exceptions)	Jan. 28	Establishment of Consultative Body on Construction of Futenna Replacement Facility concerning Futenna Air Station Replacement	Jan. 10	North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)	
	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	Jun. 6	Three Armed Attack Situation Response related laws are passed at the Upper House plenary session and enacted	Jan. 24	U.S. Department of Homeland Security established	
	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)	Jun. 13	Cabinet decision on the Bill Concerning the Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq	Mar. 14	President George W. Bush announces the lifting of economic sanctions against Pakistan	
	Apr. 21	ASDF in-flight refueling training (through May 1)	Jul. 4	Cabinet approval for "Implementation Plan for International Peace Cooperation Assignment for Iraqi Afflicted Persons"	Mar. 20	U.S. and U.K. forces begin military operations in Iraq	
	Jul. 17	International peace cooperation activities are conducted for relief of affected people in Iraq (Airborne unit for relief of affected people in Iraq returns to Japan August 18)	Jul. 26	Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq passed the House of Councilors plenary session	May 1	President Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan	
	Sep. 11	Ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Memorial Zone	Jul. 29	Cabinet decision on changes to the implementation plan of the International Peace Cooperation Operations in the Golan Heights	May 31	Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) proposed by U.S. President for the first time	
	Oct. 10	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law remains in force for another two years	Sep. 14	Government survey mission dispatched to Middle East countries, including Iraq	Jun. 1	U.S.-Russia leaders talk, enforcement of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions	
	Nov. 3	Former SDF officials decorated for their engagement in dangerous activities	Sep. 22	Reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet appointed (second term)	Aug. 27	First Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through August 29)	
	Nov. 15	SDF special research group dispatched to Iraq	Sep. 30	Cabinet decides to newly establish, in its decoration system, an award for people engaged in dangerous activities	Sep. 12	First joint exercise of PSI held in the Coral Sea northeast of Australia (through September 14)	
	Dec. 19	Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and Cabinet meeting)	Oct. 7	Joint communique signed for the first time at Japan-China-ROK Summit meeting	Oct. 15	China launches its first manned spacecraft Shenzhou 5	
	Dec. 26	ASDF advance team leaves for Kuwait	Nov. 19	Second Koizumi Cabinet established	Dec. 4	Australia decides to participate in missile defense program	
	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)	Nov. 29	Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq	Dec. 13	U.S. forces capture former President Hussein in Iraq	
	2004	Jan. 22	ASDF main contingent leaves for Kuwait	Feb. 9	Implementation of Iraq-related response measures approved in Diet	Jan. 12	Japan and India release Next Steps in Strategic Partnership (NSSP) statement
		Feb. 3	Departure of first SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities	May 22	Japan-North Korea Summit held (Pyongyang). Five family members of abductees return to Japan	Feb. 25	Second Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through February 29)
Feb. 9		MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait (return on April 8)	Jun. 14	Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in Upper House plenary session and conclusion of three treaties approved	Mar. 22	EU General Affairs Council agrees upon development of the structure and organization of EU rapid response capabilities	
Mar. 4		Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to detection of bird flu (Tanbacho, Kyoto Prefecture, through March 11)	Jun. 18	Cabinet agreement for SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty (joining multinational forces)	Apr. 28	UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction	
Mar. 26		Diet decides on installation of ballistic missile defense system (FY2004 draft budget voted on and passed at the plenary session of the House of Councilors)	Aug. 13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	May 20	United Nations Mission of Support to East Timor (UNMISSET) transfers defense and security authority to Timor-Leste	
Apr. 15		First transport of Japanese nationals living overseas implemented, 10 nationals transported from Iraq to Kuwait	Sep. 27	2nd Koizumi reshuffled Cabinet formed	Jun. 1	Interim Iraqi Government inaugurated (sovereignty transferred on June 28), and Iraqi Governing Council dissolved	
Oct. 25		PSI exercise for maritime interdiction operation hosted by Japan for the first time (in the offing of Sagami Bay and in Yokosuka Harbor, through October 27)			Jun. 23	UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq	
Nov. 7		Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary commemorative troop review			Jun. 28	Third Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through June 26)	
Nov. 10		Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered submarine into Japan's territorial waters-Maritime security operations order issued (through November 12)			Jul. 20	Transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, patrols commenced by the navies of three countries, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia	
Dec. 10		"National Defense Program Guidelines, FY2005" and "Mid-Term Defense Program for FY2005-FY2009" adopted by the Security Council and the Cabinet			Sep. 10	FPDA (Five Power Defence Arrangements) conducts the first antimaritime terrorism exercise in the South China Sea (-September 25)	
Dec. 28		MSDF ships dispatched to the offing of Thailand's Phuket Island to engage in the international disaster relief activities for Indonesia's Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (through January 1, 2005)			Oct. 6	The U.S. and ROK announce a plan of three stage reduction of 12,500 U.S. forces stationed in the ROK by 2008	
					Oct. 29	EU leaders sign the EU Constitution	
					Nov. 16	Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine's intrusion into Japan's territorial waters	
					Dec. 26	Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster	
				Dec. 27	China releases a white paper, "China's National Defense in 2004"		
2005	Jan. 4	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to engage in the international emergency assistance in response to the major earthquake off the coast of Sumatra and tsunami in the Indian Ocean (All units returned home by March 23)	Jan. 19	The Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged submarines in Japan's territorial waters	Feb. 10	North Korean Foreign Ministry releases a statement implying its manufacture of nuclear weapons (May 11, announces the unloading of 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods)	
	Feb. 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington) — common strategic objectives confirmed	Mar. 14	A Japanese boat attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew abducted (Released on March 20)	Mar. 8	"ROK's government protest over Asahi Shimbun aircraft approaching Takeshima without authorization"	
	Apr. 25	Dispatch of SDF units in response to railroad accident on JR West's Fukuchiyama Line	Mar. 16	Shimane Prefecture establishes "Takeshima Day"	Mar. 14	National People's Congress adopts "Anti-Secession Law"	
	May 2	SDF officially takes part for the first time in the multilateral joint exercise "Cobra Gold 05" conducted in Chiang Mai Thailand (through May 13)	Mar. 25	Cabinet decision made on Basic Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians	Sep. 9	First China-Russia joint military exercises "Peace Mission 2005" (through August 25)	
	Aug. 5	Dispatch of an MSDF vessel 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)	Jul. 14	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry announces permission granted to Teikoku Oil for trial drilling in the East China Sea	Sep. 19	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	
	Oct. 12	Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Team for international emergency assistance activities in response to large-scale earthquake in Pakistan, etc. (All units returned home by December 2)	Sep. 21	Third Koizumi Cabinet established	Nov. 9	Joint statement adopted at Fourth Round of Six-Party Talks	
	Oct. 20	GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint field training against terrorist attacks for the first time	Oct. 31	Reshuffled third Koizumi Cabinet established	Nov. 16	India and Pakistan complete the opening of five areas on the effective control line in Kashmir to enable disaster rescue activities for the sufferers from the great earthquake in Pakistan etc.	
	Oct. 29	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington) joint announces "Japan-U.S. Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future"	Nov. 11	Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended for one year)	Dec. 14	The first East Asia Summit is held (Kuala Lumpur)	
	Oct. 31	Nukaga appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 27	The Cabinet approves "the government's actions to be taken for the time being in connection with the matters approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultation Committee held on October 29, 2005"	Dec. 16	U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution criticizing the human rights situation in North Korea	
	Dec. 1	Partial revision of the Act on Remuneration of Defense Agency Personnel (revised remuneration) enters into force					
	Dec. 24	The Security Council and the Cabinet approve "Japan-U.S. Joint Development of Interceptor Missiles Having Improved Capability of Ballistic Missile Defense"					

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2006	Mar. 27	Partial amendment (measures for destructing ballistic missiles etc., establishment of Joint Staff Office, etc.) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law is enacted. With the creation of the Joint Staff Office, the SDF establishes a joint operations posture	Feb. 4	Japan–North Korea negotiations concerning abduction issue, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile issues are held (through February 6)	Jan. 10	Iran begins an uranium enrichment experiment
	Apr. 23	Japan and the United States agree to the sharing of expenses of relocation of U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa to Guam as part of realignment of USFJ	Mar. 6	At the Japan–China intergovernmental conference, China makes a proposal of joint development of gas field in East China Sea (through March 7)	Feb. 3	The United States issues the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)
	May 1	The Japan–U.S. Security Consultative Committee (“2+2,” Washington) announces the “United States–Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation”	May 11	The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture and Minister of State for Defense sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ	Mar. 16	The United States announces the National Security Strategy
	May 29	First P-3C visit to Australia	Jun. 20	The Government makes a decision to discontinue the activities of the GSDF contingent dispatched to Iraq. ASDF units continue to support the United Nations and the multinational forces	May 5	Peace agreement between Sudanese government and certain rebel forces in Darfur Conflict
	Jun. 1	Dispatch of SDF units to Indonesia to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the earthquake that occurred in central Java (through June 22)	Jun. 29	Japan–U.S. Summit Meeting, joint document “The Japan–U.S. Alliance of the New Century” announced	May 15	U.S. rescinds designation of Libya as a state sponsor of terrorism
	Jul. 31	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Defense Agency Establishment Law (inc. reinforcement of facilities administration function of the agency, establishment of the Equipment headquarters and reorganization of the Prefecture Liaison Offices into the Provincial Cooperation Offices)	Jul. 19	Decision made to transfer weapons and their technologies to the U.S. to jointly develop a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system, and the memorandum concluded with the U.S.	May 27	Large-scale earthquake takes place in the middle part of Java, Indonesia
	Sep. 26	Kyuma appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 16	A Russian patrol boat fires on a Japanese fishing boat, killing one of its crew members. The Government files a strong protest to Russia	Jun. 16	Nepalese government and Maoists sign peace accord
			Aug. 29	U.S. Navy, deploys Aegis ships equipped with SM-3 at Yokosuka naval facility	Jun. 19	Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki announces that the authority to maintain public order in the province of Muthanna is transferred from the multilateral forces to Iraq
			Sep. 26	The Council Meeting on Measures for Relocation of Futenma Air Station established, and its first meeting held	Jul. 5	North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan
			Oct. 13	Abe Cabinet established	Sep. 20	Chinese Navy performs joint search and rescue exercises with U.S. Navy (sea around San Diego)
				Sanctions implemented against North Korea, which announced that it had conducted a nuclear weapon test	Oct. 9	North Korea conducts an underground nuclear test
					Dec. 19	UN General Assembly, resolution adopted criticizing abduction of foreign citizens by North Korea
					Dec. 30	Former Iraqi President Hussein execution Reference
	2007	Jan. 9	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Defense Agency Establishment Law (reorganization of the Defence Agency into the Ministry of Defence and stipulation of the SDF's international peace cooperation activities as its primary mission)	Mar. 13	Australian Prime Minister Howard visits Japan, and the Japan–Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed	Jan. 12
Mar. 5		First Aviation Training Relocation associated with realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan (Tsuki, through March 8)	Apr. 16	Nagoya District Court, Kanazawa Branch, rules on the third and fourth trials for the lawsuit pertaining to noise generated by the Komatsu Air Base	Jan. 23	U.N. Security Council decides to set up the U.N. Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) to oversee disarmament in Nepal
Mar. 23		Emergency response procedures to destroy ballistic missiles prepared	Jul. 20	Enactment of the “Basic Act on Ocean Policy”	Feb. 13	North Korea agrees to disable all of its nuclear facilities during the Six-Party Talks
Mar. 28		Establishment of the Central Readiness Force	Aug. 7	Minister for Foreign Affairs Aso and U.S. Ambassador Schieffer sign the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)	May 28	U.S. and Iran begin official talks for the first time in 27 years (ambassador-level)
Mar. 30		A Patriot PAC-3 system is deployed at the ASDF Iruma Base	Aug. 10	Conclusion of the General Security of Military Information Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States (GSOMIA)	May 29	Russia announces that it succeeded in launching a new intercontinental ballistic missile
Apr. 11		SDF personnel dispatched for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) as military observers (through January 18, 2011)	Aug. 27	Reshuffled Abe Cabinet established	Jun. 28	Russia succeeds in the experimental launch of new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), Bulava.
Apr. 16		Japan–U.S.–India naval drill conducted for the first time	Aug. 29	Enactment of the USFJ Realignment Special Measures Law	Jul. 14	Russian President Putin signs presidential order on the termination of the execution of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)
May 1		Washington announces the joint statement “Alliance Transformation: Advancing United States–Japan Security and Defense Cooperation”	Sep. 26	Fukuda Cabinet established	Jul. 31	The U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1769 on the dispatch of the U.N./AU Joint PKO Unit (UNMID) to the Darfur region in Sudan
May 18		ASDF controllers positioned at the Yokota RAPCON facility	Nov. 16	Council for MOD Reform established	Sep. 27	Second session of the Sixth Round of the Sixth Six-Party Talks held (Beijing) (through September 30) (October 3, Sixth Six-Party Talks Agreement “Second-Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement” published)
Jun. 1		Partial amendment (abolition of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency and its consolidation into the Ministry of Defense, establishment of the Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance and the Local Defense Bureau, joint units of GSDF, MSDF and ASDF, etc) of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law and the Self-Defense Forces Law enacted	Dec. 13	Russia seizes four Japanese fishing vessels off Kunashiri Island	Out. 3	The Six-Party Talks Joint Statement, the “Second-Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement,” is announced
Jun. 2		Japan–U.S.–Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting held for the first time (Minister of Defense Kyuma, U.S. Secretary of Defense Gates, and Minister of Defense Nelson, in Singapore)	Dec. 19	Front headquarters of 1st Corps headquarters of U.S. forces formed at USFJ Camp Zama in line with the USFJ realignment	Nov. 21	The USS Kitty Hawk is denied docking in Hong Kong and returns to Yokosuka via the Taiwan Strait (through November 25)
Jun. 6		Japan–Australia Joint Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations held for the first time (“2+2,” Tokyo)	Dec. 24	Cabinet decisions on “Improvement of next fixed-wing aircraft,” “Important issues among contents of Defense Capability Buildup in FY2008,” “Changes of emergent response measures on destruction measures by ballistic missiles”		
Jul. 4		Koike appointed Minister of State for Defense				
Aug. 27		Koumura appointed Minister of State for Defense				
Sep. 1		Local Cooperation Bureau, Equipment and Facilities Headquarters, Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance, and Local Defense Bureau created				
Sep. 26		Ishiba appointed Minister of State for Defense				
Oct. 17		First Japan–U.S.–Australia trilateral exercises (MSDF, U.S. Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force)				
Nov. 1		Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law expires Order issued on termination of response measures based on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law				
Nov. 28		Chinese naval vessel visits Japan for the first time (through December 1)				
Dec. 18		Review of USFJ Local Employee Wages (Abolishment of USFJ Differential, etc.) Aegis vessel MSDF Kongo conducts a successful test on counter-missile by ballistic missile				

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2008	Jan. 16	Enactment of the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law (units depart for Indian Ocean on January 24, 25)	Mar. 18 Jun. 18	Cabinet approval for the "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy" Agreement reached between the Government of Japan and Government of China on the joint development of natural gas in the East China Sea	Feb. 20	U.S. Navy Aegis ship succeeds in shooting down out-of-control satellite outside the earth's atmosphere with an SM-3
	Jan. 25	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the Cost Sharing on the Stationing of U.S. forces in Japan signed	Jul. 7	G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit (through Jul. 9)	Mar. 14	Demonstration by Buddhist monks in the regional capital of Lhasa in the Tibet Autonomous Region, China
	Feb. 19	Collision between Aegis vessel MSDF and fishing boat	Jul. 15	Report by the Council for Reforming the Ministry of Defense released	Apr. 24	Announcement by U.S. Government that North Korea assisted with the construction by Syria of nuclear facilities destroyed in an air attack
	Feb. 21	Based on the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law, MSDF replenishment ships resume refueling U.S. ships in the Indian Ocean (through January 15, 2010)	Aug. 2	Reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet established	May 12	M7.8 earthquake occurs in Sichuan Province, China
	Mar. 26	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (inc. reorganization of the SDF Command and Communication Unit)	Sep. 24	Aso Cabinet established	May 30	The Convention on Cluster Munitions is adopted at an international conference in Dublin
	Jun. 24	First visit of MSDF vessel to China (through June 28)	Oct. 22	Japan-India Summit Meeting: Japan-India Joint Statement on the Advancement of the Strategic and Global Partnership, and Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed	Jun. 26	North Korea submits its nuclear program
	Aug. 2	Hayashi appointed Minister of Defense	Dec. 3	Convention on Cluster Munitions signed	Jul. 12	Publication of the Press Communique of the Heads of Delegation Meeting of the Sixth Round of the Six-Party Talks
	Aug. 29	TRDI receives prototype of next-generation fixed-wing patrol aircraft XP-1 no. 1			Aug. 8	Russian Armed Forces intervene in military clashes between Georgian and South Ossetian forces
	Sep. 24	Hamada appointed Minister of Defense			Aug. 10	Armed groups attack public security facilities in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China
	Sep. 25	Commissioning of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington			Sep. 9	U.S. President Bush announces reduction of U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and increase of troops in Afghanistan
	Oct. 24	SDF personnel dispatched to United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) (through September 30, 2011)			Sep. 25	China launches a manned spacecraft "Shenzhou 7," and conducts successful extravehicular activity for the first time
	Dec. 20	Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2005-FY2009) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			Oct. 3	U.S. Department of Defense informs Congress of sale of PAC-3s, AH-64Ds, attack helicopters, etc., to Taiwan
	Dec. 23	ASDF Airlift Wing that was deployed under the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq returns to Japan			Oct. 10	U.S. removes North Korea from its list of state sponsors of terrorism
2009	Jan. 8	ASDF deploys F-15s to Okinawa (Hyakuri)	Jan. 27	Japanese fishing boat No. 38 Yoshimaru caught by Russian Coast Guard in Sea of Japan	Jan. 31	Provisional government in Somalia, Ahmed elected as new president
	Jan. 15	Ministry of Defense decides on "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space"	Feb. 17	Signing of the "Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam"	Feb. 17	U.S. President Obama decides to increase the number of troops dispatched to Afghanistan by approximately 17,000
	Feb. 10	Order issued relating to the conclusion of withdrawal duties for the Iraq Reconstruction Support Group by the redeployment group	Mar. 13	Cabinet approval for Anti-Piracy Measures Law	Mar. 6	U.S.-Russia Foreign Ministers' Meeting, agreement to "reset" bilateral relations (Geneva)
	Mar. 13	SDF mobilization order issued for maritime security operations as part of anti-piracy measures off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden	Apr. 3	Foreign Minister Nakasone signs Status of Forces Agreement with Djibouti	Apr. 5	North Korea launches a missile which flies over the territory of Japan
	Mar. 17	The First Meeting of Senior Defense Officials on Common Security Challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region	May 19	"Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam" comes into force	Apr. 11	President Obama speech in Prague
	Mar. 27	SDF mobilization order for implementation of destruction measures for ballistic missiles and other weapons	Jun. 2	Basic Plan for Space Policy formulated	Apr. 11	Cancellation of ASEAN Summit due to invasion by protesters in Thailand.
	Apr. 6	Order issued to SDF for termination of destruction of ballistic missiles, and other objects	Jul. 14	Ratification of Convention on Cluster Munitions	May 4	State of emergency declared in Bangkok on April 12
	May 15	Order issued for P-3Cs to be dispatched to Djibouti international airport	Jul. 17	Announcement of Law Concerning the Prohibition of Manufacture of Cluster Munitions and Regulation of their Possession	May 25	1st ARF Disaster Relief Training (Philippines)
	May 30	First Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministers' Meeting (Hamada, Gates, Lee, in Singapore)	Sep. 16	Hatoyama Cabinet established	Jun. 16	North Korea conducts the underground nuclear test
	Jun. 11	Commencement of warning and surveillance flights in the Gulf of Aden by P-3Cs	Nov. 11	Government Revitalization Unit "project screening" (through November 27)	Jul. 4	Provisional government of Somalia declares a state of emergency due to outbreak of fighting
	Jul. 24	Anti-Piracy Measures Law enacted	Nov. 12	Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Emperor of Japan's coronation	Jul. 28	North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan
	Aug. 1	Order issued for anti-piracy operations	Dec. 3	Tokyo High Court rejects appeal by MSDF Lieutenant Commander in Aegis information leakage case (appeal to Supreme Court)	Jul. 31	The exterior of the body of oil tanker "M. STAR" damaged in an explosion at the Straits of Hormuz
	Sep. 16	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. 17	Completion of withdrawal of non-American multinational forces from Iraq
	Oct. 5	Defense Minister Kitazawa assumes office			Sep. 30	U.S. President Obama announces review of MD deployment in Europe
	Oct. 20	SDF units dispatched to aid international disaster relief activities after the Padang earthquake in Indonesia (through October 17)			Oct. 1	M7.6 earthquake occurs off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia
	Oct. 27	1st Ministry of Defense Policy Meeting			Nov. 10	China conducts 60th Anniversary Military Parade
	Nov. 23	Destroyer Kurama collides with ROK cargo ship Carina Star in the Kammon Straits			Dec. 1	North and South Korean ships engage in fire in the Yellow Sea
	Dec. 17	Deployment Surface Force for Counter Piracy Enforcement (DSPE) receives the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea			Dec. 5	Lisbon treaty comes into effect
	Dec. 17	Security Council and Cabinet approve the document on the building up of defense capability for FY2010				START I lapses
2010	Jan. 17	Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Team in response to earthquake in Haiti (February 14, operation completed)	Mar. 11	ASDF Hyakuri Base, joint civilian use of runway	Jan. 11	China announces that it has performed missile interception test
	Jan. 19	"2+2" joint statement on the 50th anniversary of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	May 26	Enactment of the "Act on the Preservation of the Law-Water Line and Development of Basic Infrastructure of Remote Islands for the Maintaining and Promoting Utilization of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf"	Jan. 12	M7 earthquake occurs in Haiti
	Feb. 5	Decision to dispatch SDF units to United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) (February 6, deployment commences) (January 25, 2013, operation completed)	Jun. 8	Kan Cabinet established	Jan. 29	First test flight of Russian fifth-generation fighter PAK FA
	Mar. 5	ASDF 1st Consultation on Replenishment Office	Jun. 25	Conclusion of the "Japan-NATO Information Security Agreement"	Feb. 27	U.S. announces "Quadrennial Defense Review" (QDR) and "Ballistic Missile Defense Review" (BMDR)
	Mar. 26	Equipment Establishment of investigation and review committee	Jul. 13	Cabinet approves "Act on the Preservation of the Law-Water Line and Development of Basic Infrastructure of Remote Islands for the Maintaining and Promoting Utilization of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf"	Mar. 7	Russia publishes new Navy doctrine
	Apr. 1	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of GSDF students)	Sep. 17	Reshuffled Kan Cabinet established	Mar. 26	ROK naval patrol ship "Cheonan" sank in the Yellow Sea by a torpedo attack from a North Korean submarine
	Apr. 26	Patriots (PAC-3) deployed to 2nd Air Defense Missile Group 6th Air Defense Missile Unit (Ashiya)	Dec. 7	Establishment of a governmental committee to review information security, as a result of the leakage of the video showing the fishing boat collision off the Senkaku Islands	Apr. 2	In Thailand, Thaksin supporters occupy the center of cities such as Bangkok. On April 10, they clash with Thai government security forces (through May 19)
	May 1	Disaster dispatch for foot and mouth disease in Miyazaki Prefecture (through July 27)			Apr. 6	U.S. announces "Nuclear Posture Review" (NPR)
	May 19	Japan-Australia 2+2 (signing of Japan-Australia ACSA)			Apr. 12	First Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C., through April 13)
	May 28	Japan-Australia "2+2" Defense Ministers' Meeting (Kitazawa and Faulkner, Tokyo)			May 27	U.S. announces "National Security Strategy" (NSS)
	Jul. 1	Joint Statement of Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2")			Jun. 9	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1929 regarding additional sanction on Iran
	Aug. 26	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of SDF recruits)			Jun. 28	Release of the United States' National Space Policy (NSP)
	Aug. 31	1st Establishment of the "Council for the Promotion of MOD Reform"			Aug. 1	Coming into effect of the Convention on Cluster Munitions
	Sep. 7	Air transport activities by helicopter in aid of flood disaster in Pakistan (through Oct. 10)			Sep. 7	Chinese fishing boat collides with Japan Coast Guard patrol vessel in waters near the Senkaku Islands
	Sep. 10	Release of the "Future Direction of Procurement Reform" by the Comprehensive Procurement Reform Promotion Committee			Sep. 28	North Korea holds conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and a Plenary Meeting of Central Committee; Kim Jong-un is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission
	Sep. 10	Cabinet approves dispatch of SDF officers as key military contact personnel (military observers) to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (dispatched on Sep. 27)			Oct. 19	U.K. releases its Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR)
					Nov. 1	Russian President Medvedev visits the Kunashiri Island
				Nov. 19	NATO adopts New Strategic Concept	
				Nov. 23	North Korea shells the ROK's Yeonpyeong island	

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2010	Sep. 24	Minister of Defense issues directive on reform of the National Defense Academy		
	Oct. 1	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (abolition of the lowest enlisted ranks)		
	Oct. 12	1st expanded ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting plus (ADMM-Plus) convenes (Hanoi)		
	Dec. 14	Exploratory Committee for Bid-Rigging Issues in the ASDF 1st Depot for Office Supplies holds its 8th meeting and releases investigation report on the bid-rigging case pertaining to the procurement of office furniture by the ASDF 1st Air Depot		
	Dec. 17	Security Council and Cabinet approved the National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2011 and Beyond, and the Mid-term Defense Program (FY2011 to FY2015)		
	Dec. 27	Minister issues directive on the promotion of structural reform to enhance the efficacy of defense capability		
2011	Jan. 21	Signing of the new Special Measures Agreement in connection with cost-sharing arrangements on the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan (comes into effect on Apr. 1)	Jan. 11 China conducts test flight of fighter aircraft touted as the next generation stealth aircraft Jan. 14 Tunisian President Ben Ali defects for Saudi Arabia amidst growing anti-government demonstrations, and the regime collapses Feb. 4 U.N. Security Council chairman's statement concerning the conclusion of the UNMIN mandate is adopted Feb. 4 The United States releases the National Security Space Strategy (NSSS) Feb. 5 Thai and Cambodia armies clash near the Temple of Preah Vihear (through February 7) Feb. 5 New START comes into effect Feb. 8 The United States releases the National Military Strategy Feb. 12 Egyptian President Mubarak resigns Feb. 22 Iranian military vessel passes through the Suez Canal Mar. 5 M6.3 earthquake occurs in New Zealand Mar. 5 China convenes its 11th National People's Congress (through March 14) Mar. 17 U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1973 allowing the use of military force against Libya Mar. 19 The coalition force led by the U.S., U.K., and France commence military operations against Libya Apr. 5 U.S. President Obama gives speech in Prague Apr. 14 Convention of the BRICS Leaders' Meeting (Thailand and Cambodia) Apr. 14 Armies clash near the Temple of Preah Vihear (through May 3) May 2 U.S. President Obama announces the killing of Osama bin Laden, leader of the international terrorist organization Al-Qaeda Jun. 22 President Obama announces guidelines to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan Jul. 1 90th anniversary of establishment of Chinese Communist Party Jul. 8 Adoption of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1996 to establish UNMISS Jul. 9 Independence of the Republic of South Sudan Jul. 11 Adoption of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1997 to terminate UNMIS Jul. 14 Release of "Department of Defense Strategy for Operating in Cyberspace" by U.S. Department of Defense 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. 8 Russian bombers take the route that circles the area encompassing Japan 24 Russian naval vessels sail through the Soya Strait Sep. 9 Chinese space laboratory "Tiangong 1" launched Sep. 29 NATO ends operations in Libya Oct. 31 London Conference on Cyberspace held (through November 2) Nov. 1 U.S.-Philippines sign "Manila Declaration" Nov. 11 Six Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean Nov. 22 Completion of U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq Dec. 18 North Korea announces the death of Chairman of the National Defense Commission Kim Jongil (December 17)	
	Feb. 23	Dispatch of international emergency disaster relief units in response to 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 Apr. 11 Great East Japan Earthquake strikes Apr. 11 Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake established Jun. 24 Exercise of the Basic Act on Reconstruction Jun. 28 First meeting of the headquarters for reconstruction measures Sep. 2 Noda Cabinet established Sep. 19 Detection of cyber attacks against defense industry Sep. 27 Japan-Philippines Summit (Tokyo), Japan-Philippines joint statement made Sep. 30 Cabinet decision on "Promotion of the operational Quasi-Zenith Satellite System project" and "Promoting development and utilization of aerospace" Oct. 10 ATR to Guam as part of the U.S. Forces realignment (through October 28) Oct. 24 Conclusion of the "Japan-France Information Security Agreement" Nov. 12 Japan-U.S. Summit meeting, opinions exchanged regarding full U.S. support to mitigate the impact on Okinawa including efforts for relocation of Futenma Air Station and steady advancement of relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam Dec. 31 Third supplementary budget approved Japan-India Summit (Delhi), Joint statement on strengthening "Japan-India strategic global partnership" signed	
	Mar. 11	Dispatch of emergency relief units in response to the large-scale Great East Japan Earthquake disaster (through August 31)		
		Dispatch of nuclear disaster units in response to the nuclear crisis resulted from the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster (through December 26)		
	Mar. 16	As a result of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Cabinet passed the first disaster call-up for SDF reserve personnel and ready reserve personnel Disaster relief call-up order issued to dispatch GSDF ready reserve personnel and reserve personnel (through August 31)		
	Apr. 15	Disaster relief call-up order issued to dispatch MSDF and ASDF reserve personnel (through August 31)		
	Apr. 27	Partial revision to the Environmental Improvement Law (extended target projects for subsidies to improve the environment surrounding specified defense facilities) SDF activity base in Djibouti initiates operation Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2" in Washington) joint statement; release of "Toward a Deeper and Broader Japan-U.S. Alliance: Building on 50 years of Partnership"		
	Jun. 1			
	Jun. 21			
	Aug. 29	First Japan-Canada vice-ministerial "2+2" consultation (Tokyo)		
	Sep. 2	Ichikawa becomes Minister of Defense		
	Oct. 14	Decision made on next transport plane (C-130R) replacing MSDF's YS-11		
	Oct. 16	Air review (Hyakuri Air Base)		
	Oct. 24	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo) Memorandum signed regarding Japan-Vietnam defense cooperation and exchanges Cabinet decision made on dispatch of SDF personnel as headquarters staff for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) (departing Japan on November 28) SDF personnel dispatch to the PKO Centers in Ghana as instructors (through November 20)		
	Nov. 15			
	Dec. 20	Decision made by the Security Council and seconded by the Cabinet regarding "acquisition of the next-generation fighter aircraft" F-35A decided to be the next-generation fighter aircraft Decision made by the Cabinet on dispatching engineer units, etc. for United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (deployed from on January 11, 2012)		
	Dec. 27	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on Guidelines for Overseas Transfer of Defense Equipment etc.		
	Dec. 28	Submission of the environmental impact statement on the Futenma replacement facility construction project to Okinawa Prefecture (through January 6, 2012)		
	2012	Jan. 11	Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Ulan Bator) Signing of the memorandum regarding Japan-Mongolia defense cooperation and exchanges Advance party for UNMISS departs Japan Tanaka becomes Minister of Defense	Jan. 5 U.S. announces the defense strategic guidance Feb. 23 Adoption of U.N. Security Council resolution to extend the UNMIT mandate Mar. 16 Chinese government ship "Haijian" enters Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands Apr. 11 Kim Jong-un becomes North Korea's First Secretary of the Korean Workers' Party Apr. 13 North Korea launches a missile, which it calls a "Satellite" Apr. 29 Kim Jong-un becomes the First Chairman of the National Defense Commission Three Chinese naval vessels sail through the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean Apr. 30 U.S.-Philippines Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (2+2 Meeting) Jun. 27 Adoption of U.N. Security Council resolution to extend the UNDOF mandate Jul. 1 26 Russian naval vessels sail through the Soya Strait (through July 2) Jul. 5 Resolution 2057 to extend the UNMISS mandate adopted by the U.N. Security Council Jul. 11 Three vessels of Chinese Fishery Law Enforcement Command (FLEC) enter Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands Jul. 12 One FLEC vessel enters Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands Aug. 10 South Korean President Lee Myung-bak visits Takeshima Aug. 19 UNSMIS ended Sep. 25 The first Chinese aircraft carrier "Liaoning" commissioned Oct. 16 Seven Chinese warships pass through the waters between the Yonaguni Island and the Nakanokami Island for the first time Nov. 15 Xi Jinping elected as General Secretary of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the Central Military Commission at the first plenary session of the 18th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Dec. 12 North Korea launches a missile which it called a "Satellite" Dec. 13 A Chinese aircraft violates Japanese airspace for the first time (airspace surrounding the Senkaku Islands) Dec. 31 UNMIT ends
		Jan. 13		
		Mar. 26	Transfer of ASDF Air Defense Command to Yokota Air Base	
		Mar. 30	SDF action order issued regarding implementation of measures to destroy a ballistic missile (April 13 end)	
		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	
Jun. 3		Exchange of memorandum regarding Japan-U.K. defense cooperation		
Jun. 4		Morimoto becomes Minister of Defense		
Jun. 13		Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo) Signing of the Statement of Intent on Defense Exchange and Cooperation between Japan and Italy		
Jun. 28		Third working-level talks on maritime communication mechanisms between Japan and China's defense authorities (Beijing) (through June 29)		
Jul. 2		Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial meeting (Tokyo) Signing of the Statement of Intent on Defence Cooperation and Exchange between Japan and Philippines		
Jul. 3		PSI Air Interdiction Exercise hosted by Japan (Hokkaido, through July 5)		
Jul. 9		Japan-Turkey vice-ministerial meeting (Ankara) Signing of the Statement of Intent on Advancing Defense Cooperation and Exchange between Japan and Turkey		
Sep. 7		Formulation and release of "Toward Stable and Effective Use of Cyberspace by the MOD/JSDF"		
Sep. 23		SDF dispatch to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) ended		

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2012	Nov. 26	First Japan-Vietnam vice-ministerial meeting (Hanoi)				
	Dec. 4	Promulgation and partial enforcement (regarding Japan-U.S. ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.				
	Dec. 7	Launch of capacity building program in East Timor				
	Dec. 26	SDF action order issued regarding implementation of measures to destroy a ballistic missile (December 12 end)				
		Onodera becomes Minister of Defense				
2013	Jan. 20	SDF dispatch to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	Jan. 16	Japan-Vietnam summit meeting (Hanoi)	Jan. 10	First Russian Borey-class SSBN commissioned
		As a measure for the Transportation of Japanese Nationals Overseas (TJNO) prescribed in the Self-Defense Forces Act, SDF transports Japanese victims of the Algerian hostage crisis from Algeria to Japan (return home on Jan. 24)	Jan. 17	Japan-Thailand summit meeting (Bangkok)	Jan. 11	France's military intervention in Mali
	Jan. 25	Security Council and Cabinet approve the document on the building up of defense capability for FY2013	Jan. 18	Japan-Indonesia summit meeting (Jakarta)	Jan. 16	Abduction of Japanese nationals in Algeria
		Defense Posture Review Commission established	Jan. 28	Opening of the 183rd Ordinary Diet	Jan. 19	A Chinese naval vessel may direct fire-control radar at a helicopter based on a JMSDF destroyer
	Jan. 31	Japan-Australia ACSA enters into force	Feb. 15	First meeting of a panel of experts on the establishment of a Japanese National Security Council (NSC)	Jan. 23	Australia announces the National Security Strategy
		Partial enforcement (regarding Japan-Australia ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Feb. 20	Naha District Court issues judgment on Henoko environmental assessment case	Jan. 27	China announces that it has performed missile interception test
	Feb. 1	Partial enforcement (regarding pilot allowance) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Feb. 23	Meeting between U.S. President Obama and Prime Minister Abe	Jan. 30	A Chinese vessel directs fire-control radar at the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar. 1	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on participation of Japan's industries in the production of the F-35A	Mar. 22	Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement enters into force	Jan. 31	Three Chinese naval vessels sail through waters northeast of the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar. 15	SDF dispatch for the MINUSTAH mission ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	Jun. 17	Japan-Russia summit meeting	Feb. 7	Russian fighters intrude into Japan's airspace
	Mar. 26	Partial enforcement (regarding shift of Air Rescue Wing's affiliation) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Jul. 4	Japan-U.K. Information Security Agreement signed	Feb. 12	North Korea's underground nuclear test
	May 18	First Japan-U.S.-Australia joint training (Exercise Southern Jackaroo 2013) (through May 25)	Sep. 1	Council on Security and Defense Capabilities holds first meeting	Mar. 7	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2094 on strengthening sanctions on North Korea
	Jun. 5	Participation in Pacific Partnership 2013 (through July 6)	Sep. 5	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (St. Petersburg)	Mar. 15	Russian bombers take a route that circles the area encompassing Japan
	Jun. 27	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Manila)	Oct. 3	Signing of the "Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam"	Mar. 30	Four Chinese naval vessels sail through waters southwest of the Okinawa main island to the Pacific Ocean
	Jul. 5	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Dec. 4	National Security Council established	Apr. 2	North Korea announces that it will readjust and restart the graphite moderated reactor that was mothballed and disabled under an agreement reached at the Six-Party Talks in October, 2007
	Aug. 28	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Brunei)	Dec. 13	Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets promulgated; ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit (Tokyo) (through February 15)	Apr. 29	France issues White Paper on Defence and National Security
	Aug. 29	2nd ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) held (Bandar Seri Begawan)	Dec. 15	Japan-Cambodia summit meeting (Tokyo)	May 3	Australia issues Defence White Paper
	Aug. 30	"Direction of the MOD Reform" released	Dec. 27	Japan-Cambodia Memorandum on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges signed	May 7	Two Chinese naval vessels sail through waters northeast of the Yonaguni Island and head to the Pacific Ocean
	Sep. 10	1st meeting of MOD/SDF Special Action Committee on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games held		Governor of Okinawa Prefecture approves application for public water reclamation for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project	May 14	Nigeria declares state of emergency in three Northeastern states
	Sep. 16	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hanoi)			May 27	Three Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Sep. 18	Japan-Thailand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)			Jun. 5	Inauguration of Pakistani Prime Minister Sharif
	Oct. 3	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2", Tokyo)			Jun. 17	G8 Summit (through June 18)
		Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Jun. 18	Afghanistan starts final phase of transition of security responsibilities from the International Security Assistance Force
		Japan-U.S. Cyber Defense Policy Working Group established			Jul. 1	Croatia accedes to the EU
	Oct. 16	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to Typhoon No. 26 (through November 8)			Jul. 5	China-Russia joint naval exercise. "Naval Interaction 2013" (through July 11)
	Nov. 1	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Jul. 13	Surprise inspections conducted in Russia's Eastern Military District, etc. (through July 20)
	Nov. 2	First Japan-Russia "2+2" (Tokyo)			Jul. 22	Chinese naval fleets pass through the Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk
	Nov. 12	Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Team in response to typhoon disaster in the Philippines (through December 18)			Jul. 24	China Coast Guard sign put up
		Japan-ROK Vice Defense Ministers' Meeting (Seoul)			Aug. 21	Chinese early warning aircraft fly through airspace between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island
	Nov. 22	Revisions of the Self-Defense Forces Act (e.g., expanded category of people who may be transported by the JSDF, in the event of disasters, insurgencies, and other emergencies overseas) promulgated and entered into force			Sep. 8	U.S.-Philippines consultation on the framework agreement on the increased rotational presence of U.S. troops and military equipment in the Philippines start
	Dec. 13	ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit (Tokyo) (through February 15)			Sep. 9	Many civilians die in outskirts of Damascus, Syria due to use of chemical weapons
	Dec. 17	National Security Council and Cabinet approve on "National Security Strategy," "National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2014 and beyond," and "Medium Term Defense Program (FY2014-FY2018)"			Sep. 27	Three Chinese naval vessels sail through the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Dec. 24	Defense Minister issues instructions on the promotion of building a Dynamic Joint Defense Force			Aug. 22	Russian bombers intrude into Japan's airspace
	Dec. 25	Self-Defense Forces Plan for Countermeasures against Nankai Trough Earthquakes established			Aug. 27	Two Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
				Sep. 8	Chinese bombers fly through airspace between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island	
				Sep. 9	Unmanned aircraft (presumed) of unidentified nationality flies over the East China Sea	
				Sep. 27	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2118 on elimination of Syrian chemical weapons	
				Oct. 23	Five Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean	
				Oct. 25	Chinese early warning aircraft and bombers fly through airspace between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island (through October 27) (three consecutive days)	
				Oct. 30	Three Chinese naval vessels sail through waters southwest of the Okinawa main island to the Pacific Ocean	
				Nov. 8	Typhoon No. 30 Haiyan hit Leyte Island, Philippines	
				Nov. 15	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) decides on detailed terms of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, etc.	
				Nov. 23	China announces establishment of the "East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone"	
				Nov. 24	Iran and EU3 (U.K., France, Germany) +3 (U.S., China, Russia) reach first phase agreement for the comprehensive settlement of the nuclear issue	
				Dec. 5-	French forces launch military intervention in the Central African Republic	
				Dec. 8	The ROK announces establishment of new Air Defense Identification Zone	
				Dec. 10	OPCW receives Nobel Peace Prize	
				Dec. 13	North Korea announces execution (December 12) of Vice-Chairman of the National Defense Commission Jang Song-thaek	
				Dec. 14	Chinese lunar probe successfully achieves soft lunar landing	
				Dec. 15-	Armed conflict in South Sudan between government forces aligned with the president, and anti-government forces aligned with the former vice president	
				Dec. 19	Russian patrol aircraft take a route that circles the areas encompassing Japan	
				Dec. 23	Three Chinese naval vessels sail through waters southwest of the Okinawa main island to the Pacific Ocean	
					Second Russian Borey-class SSBN commissioned (incorporated into Pacific Fleet)	

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2014	Jan. 6	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (New Delhi)	Jan. 1	Japan-U.K. Information Security Agreement enters into force	Jan. 1	Chinese Hainan Province enforces revised provincial regulations to implement the Fisheries Law of the People's Republic of China
	Jan. 9	First Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (Paris)	Jan. 7	National Security Secretariat launched	Jan. 15	ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (through January 18)
	Jan. 15	Collision accident between transport vessel and fishing vessel	Jan. 24	Opening of the 186th Ordinary Diet	Jan. 21	Thailand declares state of emergency (lifted on March 18)
	Jan. 22	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	Jan. 28	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2134 that approves dispatch of the EU force to the Central African Republic
	Feb. 15	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to heavy snowfall disaster (through February 23)	Mar. 18	Japan-Vietnam summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 11	State of the Union Address by U.S. President Obama
	Feb. 18	Fifth Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum (Okinawa)	Mar. 24	Prime Minister Abe attends Nuclear Security Summit	Mar. 1	First ministerial consultation between China and Taiwan
	Mar. 11	Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Team in response to the missing Malaysian Airplane (through April 28)	Mar. 25	Japan-U.S.-ROK summit meeting	Mar. 1	Three Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Mar. 19	A submarine seen navigating underwater in Japan's contiguous zone (waters east of Miyako Island)	Apr. 1	Cabinet decision on "Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology"	Mar. 3	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Mar. 20	Japan-ROK Vice Defense Ministers' Meeting	Apr. 7	Japan-Australia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 4	The United States announces QDR, releases FY2014 budget proposal
	Mar. 26	Cyber Defense Group inaugurated	Apr. 24	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 9	China's Y-8 intelligence gathering aircraft and H-6 bomber fly through airspace between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island
	Apr. 1	Partial enforcement (establishment of Faculty of Nursing at National Defense Medical College) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	May 14	"Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam" comes into force	Mar. 13	China releases FY2014 defense spending
	Apr. 6	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 15	The Advisory Panel on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security submits its report	Mar. 18	Russian "annexation" of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea
	Apr. 14	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to bird flu outbreak in Kumamoto Prefecture (through April 16)	Jul. 1	Cabinet decision on "Development of Seamless Security Legislation to Ensure Japan's Survival and Protect its People"	Mar. 24	Third Nuclear Security Summit (Hague, through March 25)
	Apr. 17	Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jul. 7	Japan-Macedonia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 26	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Apr. 28	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Perth)	Jul. 8	Japan-New Zealand summit meeting (Auckland)	Apr. 5	Afghanistan presidential election
	Apr. 29	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Kuala Lumpur)	Jul. 10	Japan-Australia summit meeting (Canberra)	Apr. 7	Indian general elections (through May 12)
	May 7	Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting (Rome)	Jul. 10	Japan-Papua New Guinea summit meeting (Port Moresby)	Apr. 10	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2147 that approves dispatch of PKO to the Central African Republic
	May 8	Defense Minister Onodera meets with South Sudanese Defense Minister, etc.	Jul. 22	Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Apr. 12	Separatist armed groups occupy government buildings in Eastern Ukraine
	May 9	Defense Minister Onodera meets with Djiboutian Defense Minister, etc.	Jul. 25	Japan-Mexico summit meeting (Mexico City)	Apr. 13	Russian aircraft fly near Japanese airspace for seven consecutive days (through April 19)
	May 31	Prime Minister Abe and Defense Minister Onodera participate in 13th Asia Security Summit (held by IISS) (Singapore)	Jul. 29	Japan-Colombia summit meeting (Bogota)	Apr. 28	U.S. and Philippines sign Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement: (EDCA)
		Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jul. 31	Japan-Chile summit meeting (Santiago)	May 2	Two Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
		Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministers' Meeting and Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting (Singapore)	Aug. 1	Japan-Brazil summit meeting (Brasilia)	May 7	Collision and confrontation between Chinese and Vietnamese vessels occur
	Jun. 11	Japan-Australia "2+2" (Tokyo)	Sep. 1	Japan-Italy summit meeting (Tokyo)	May 10	24th ASEAN Summit (through May 11)
	Jun. 19	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 3	Inauguration of the second term of Abe Cabinet	May 19	U.S. Department of Justice indicts Chinese PLA officers and others for conducting cyber attacks
	Jun. 21	Strategy on Defense Production and Technological Bases released	Sep. 6	Japan-Bangladesh summit meeting (Dhaka)	May 20	Thailand declares martial law
	Jun. 21	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (response to early retirement system)	Sep. 7	Japan-Sri Lanka summit meeting (Sri Lanka)	May 20	China-Russia joint maritime military exercise "Naval Interaction 2014" (East China Sea) (through May 26)
	Jun. 22	GSDF participates in RIMPAC14 for the first time (through August 6)	Sep. 26	Prime Minister Abe attends U.N. Summit Meeting on UN Peacekeeping Operations (New York)	May 24	Chinese Su-27 fighter jets fly excessively close to JSDF aircraft
	Jul. 11	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington)	Oct. 3	Cabinet decision on "Establishment of the Headquarters for Creating a Society where All Women Shine"	May 27	President Obama announces schedule of troop withdrawal from Afghanistan
	Jul. 25	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs)	Oct. 16	Tenth ASEM (Italy, through October 17)	May 27	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2155 for extending and modifying the UNMISS mandate
	Jul. 29	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 24	Japan-Georgia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 7	Three Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Aug. 1	Japan-France declaration of intent on defense cooperation and exchanges is signed	Nov. 10	APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Beijing, China, through November 11)	Jun. 10	ISIL seizes Mosul
	Aug. 1	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (quota for SDF personnel posts of Internal Bureau, establishment of Air Tactics Development & Training Wing, etc.)	Nov. 12	ASEAN-related summit meetings (Naypyidaw, Myanmar, through November 13)	Jun. 11	Chinese Su-27 fighter jets fly excessively close to JSDF aircraft
	Aug. 6	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to heavy rainfall in Yamaguchi Prefecture (through August 8)	Nov. 16	Candidate Onaga defeats incumbent Governor Nakaima in Okinawa gubernatorial election	Jun. 14	Ukrainian Air Force transport aircraft is shot down
	Aug. 10	Dispatch of disaster relief units to provide water supply supports in Kochi Prefecture (through August 14)	Nov. 20	Japan-Jordan summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 29	Afghan presidential election (final ballot)
	Aug. 17	Dispatch of disaster relief units for lifesaving activities in Fukuchiyama City, Kyoto Prefecture	Dec. 10	Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets enters into force	Jul. 8-9	ISIL declares establishment of "Islamic State" and caliphate
	Aug. 17	Dispatch of disaster relief units for lifesaving activities in Tamba City, Hyogo Prefecture	Dec. 17	Japan-Palau summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jul. 8-9	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Aug. 20	Dispatch of disaster relief units for lifesaving activities in Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture (through September 11)	Dec. 24	Inauguration of the third term of Abe Cabinet	Jul. 9	Israel Defense Forces start Operation Protective Edge against Gaza
	Sep. 1	Memorandum on Japan-India Defense Cooperation and Exchanges is signed	Dec. 24	Deployment of U.S. Forces TPY-2 ("X-band radar") to Kyogamisaki is completed	Jul. 13	U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (through July 10)
	Sep. 3	Eto becomes Minister of Defense	Dec. 26		Jul. 13	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Sep. 11	Dispatch of disaster relief units to provide water supply supports in Ebetsu City, Hokkaido (through September 13)			Jul. 14	Russia-India joint naval exercise (Indra-2014) (through July 19)
	Sep. 27	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to eruption of Mt. Ontake (through October 16)			Jul. 17	Malaysian airliner is shot down
	Oct. 7	Sixth Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum (Yokohama)			Jul. 17-18	Israel Defense Forces begin ground invasion of Gaza
	Oct. 16	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Jul. 26	North Korea launches one ballistic missile
	Oct. 26	Air Review commemorating the 60th anniversary of the MOD/SDF			Aug. 8	WHO issues declaration of state of emergency over Ebola virus disease
	Oct. 28	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Aug. 8-9	U.S. Central Command begins airstrikes on ISIL in Northern Iraq
	Oct. 29	Japan-ROK Vice Defense Ministers' Meeting (Seoul)			Aug. 12	U.S.-Australia Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (AUSMIN 2014) (Sydney)
	Nov. 4	Japan-Spain Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Aug. 19	Russian Armed Forces conduct exercises in the Northern Territories and Chishima Islands
Nov. 4	Memorandum on Japan-Spain Defense Cooperation and Exchanges is signed			Aug. 19	OPCW announces the completion of the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons abroad the U.S. Maritime Vessel Cape Ray	
Nov. 6	Japan-U.S.-Australia joint exercise (Michinoku ALERT 2014) (through November 9)			Aug. 26	Chinese J-11 fighter jets fly excessively close to U.S. Forces' patrol aircraft	
Nov. 19	First Japan-ASEAN Defense Ministerial Round Table Meeting (Bagan)			Sep. 4-5	Israel and Hamas agree on ceasefire	
Nov. 21	"Global Hawk" is decided as the model of the unmanned aerial vehicle to be introduced as determined in the Medium Term Defense Program (FY2014-FY2018)			Sep. 5	NATO Wales Summit	
Nov. 23	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to earthquake with an epicenter in northern Nagano Prefecture			Sep. 8	Minsk agreement (ceasefire in Ukraine, etc.)	
Nov. 28	Transport of supplies necessary for Japan Disaster Relief operations in response to the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa (Republic of Ghana, through December 11)			Sep. 8	Iraq's new Cabinet is formed	
Dec. 1	SDF personnel is dispatched to NATO for the first time			Sep. 10	President Obama announces strategy to counter ISIL	
Dec. 6	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to heavy snowfall in Tokushima Prefecture (through December 11)			Sep. 18	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2177 on Ebola virus disease countermeasures; UNMEER's establishment is announced	
Dec. 19	Joint Statement of the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2)			Sep. 19	Russia begins large-scale exercise "Vostok 2014" (through September 25)	
Dec. 24	Nakatani becomes Minister of Defense			Sep. 20	Ukrainian government and separatist armed groups reach ceasefire agreement	
Dec. 31	Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Team in response to disappearance of AirAsia plane (through January 11)			Sep. 22-	The United States and other coalition countries begin airstrikes on ISIL in Syria	
				Sep. 29	Afghanistan's new government is launched	
				Sep. 30	U.S.-Afghanistan bilateral security agreement and NATO-Afghanistan states of force agreement are signed	
				Oct. 2	The United States announces partial lifting of lethal weapons embargo to Vietnam	
				Oct. 3	Flight of China's Y-9 information gathering aircraft in the East China Sea is confirmed for the first time	
				Oct. 5-7	Shelling between India and Pakistan in Kashmir	
				Oct. 7	U.S.-China-Australia joint exercise (KOWARI 2014) (through October 25)	
				Oct. 15	North-South Korea military talks	
				Oct. 22	Shooting incident at Canada's Parliament	
				Oct. 26	APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Beijing, through November 11)	
				Nov. 12	Ukrainian parliamentary elections; pro-Western parties win	
				Nov. 12	U.S.-China summit meeting	
				Nov. 13	East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Summit (through November 13)	
				Nov. 15	G20 Summit (through November 16)	
				Nov. 15	Iran EU3+3 nuclear talks	
				Nov. 24	ROK Armed Forces conduct military drill in waters near Takeshima	
				Nov. 25	Resolution that extends UNMISS mandate is adopted (U.N. Security Council resolution 2187)	
				Dec. 1	Russia establishes the Northern Joint Strategic Command	
				Dec. 4	Over 60 countries attend Counter-ISIL Coalition Ministerial Meeting (Brussels)	
				Dec. 4	Five Chinese naval vessels sail through the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean	
				Dec. 4-	Chinese People's Liberation Army begins exercise in Western Pacific. Subsequently, some vessels transit the Soya Strait (Dec. 24) and Tsushima Strait (Dec. 27) and circle Japan	
				Dec. 6	Chinese Y-9 information gathering aircraft, Y-8 early warning aircraft, and H-6 bomber fly through airspace between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island (Dec. 7, 10, and 11)	
				Dec. 9	GCC Summit	
				Dec. 19	U.S. concludes North Korea responsible for cyber attacks against SPE	
				Dec. 24	Arms Trade Treaty comes into effect	
				Dec. 31	ISAF's combat mission in Afghanistan ends	
				Dec. 31	The Palestinian Authority signs up to accede to the International Criminal Court (ICC)	

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2015	Jan. 12	Fourth Joint Working Group meeting on the "Maritime and Air Communication Mechanism" between Japanese and Chinese defense authorities (Tokyo)	Jan. 6 Jan. 16 Jan. 17 Jan. 18	Opening of the 189th Ordinary Diet Japan-Egypt summit meeting (Cairo) Japan-Jordan summit meeting (Amman) Japan-Israel summit meeting (Jerusalem, through January 19)	Jan. 1 Jan. 7 Jan. 20	NATO begins "Resolute Support Mission" Shooting incident against a publisher (Charlie Hebdo), etc. in Paris ISIL releases video of Japanese hostages (videos of the murder of the Japanese nationals subsequently released on January 24 and February 1) President Obama delivers States of the Union address
	Jan. 15	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to bird flu outbreak in Okayama Prefecture (through January 19)	Jan. 18	Japan-Thailand summit meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 23	Death of Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah
	Jan. 18	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to bird flu outbreak in Saga Prefecture (through January 20)	Feb. 9 Feb. 10	Japan-Mongolia summit meeting (Tokyo) Cabinet decision on changes to the Implementation Plan of the International Peace Cooperation	Jan. 29	African Union decides to establish a Multinational Joint Task Force against Boko Haram
	Jan. 19	Defense Minister Nakatani visits South Sudan	Feb. 20	Japan-Qatar summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 2	President Obama presented his budget for fiscal year 2016
	Jan. 21	First Japan-U.K. Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (London)	Feb. 27	Japan-Poland summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 6	The United States releases the "National Security Strategy" (NSS)
	Jan. 29	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 6 Mar. 9	Japan-Laos summit meeting (Tokyo) Japan-Germany summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 12	Minsk agreement II German, French, Russian, and Ukrainian leaders agree on new ceasefire agreement
	Feb. 2	Memorandum on Japan-Philippines Defense Cooperation and Exchanges is signed	Mar. 20	Japan-New Zealand summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 13	Two Chinese naval vessels sail through waters between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Feb. 2	Dispatch of disaster relief units to help remove snow to eliminate isolated areas as a result of severe snowstorm in Rausu Town, Hokkaido (through February 3)	Mar. 23	The Ruling Coalition on the Development of Security Legislation presents "Concrete Vision for the Development of Security Legislation"	Feb. 14	China's Y-9 information gathering aircraft fly through airspace between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island (February 15)
	Feb. 8	Inaugural airborne exercise under Japan-U.S. joint exercise (North Wind 2 (through February 22))	Mar. 24	Japan-Indonesia summit meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 26	Saudi Arabia begins airstrikes on Houthi in Yemen
	Feb. 20	Memorandum on Japan-Qatar Defense Exchange is signed	Mar. 27	Japan-Netherlands summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 2	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Mar. 13	Second Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	May 14	Japan-Portugal summit meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 5	China announces FY2015 defense budget
	Mar. 19	Agreement on defense equipment and technology transfer is signed		Cabinet decision on two bills, namely, "Bill for the Development of Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Bill"; Cabinet decisions on "Responses to Foreign Naval Vessels Carrying Out Navigation through the Territorial Sea or the Internal Waters of Japan that Does Not Fall Under Innocent Passage in International Law," "The Government's Responses to Illegal Landing on a Remote Island or its Surrounding Seas by an Armed Group," and "Responses to Acts of Infringement When Self-Defense Force Ships or Aircraft Detect Foreign Ships Committing Said Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"	Mar. 7	Nigeria's Boko Haram pledges loyalty to ISIL (ISIL accepts on March 12)
	Mar. 20	Japan-Timor Leste Defense Ministerial Meeting			Mar. 18	An armed group attacks Bardo Museum in Tunisia (three Japanese nationals killed)
	Mar. 23	Memorandum on Japan-Indonesia Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defense is signed			Apr. 1	The Rome Statute entered into force for Palestine
	Mar. 30	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Apr. 2	EU3+3 and Iran agree on "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action"
	Apr. 8	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)			Apr. 23	U.S. Department of Defense releases "The DoD Cyber Strategy"
	Apr. 21	National Defense Medical College instructor is dispatched to support WHO's epidemiological studies on the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa, etc. (through May 29)			May 5	GCC Summit
	Apr. 27	Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Team in response to earthquake in Nepal (through May 22)			May 8	U.S. Department of Defense releases "Annual Report to Congress: Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China"
	Apr. 28	The new "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation" is approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting ("2+2," New York)			May 21	China's H-6 bomber fly through airspace between the Okinawa main island and the Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr. 28	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Washington)			May 26	China releases its defense white paper, "China's Military Strategy"
	Apr. 30	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington)			May 28	Resolution that extends UNMISS mandate is adopted (U.N. Security Council resolution 2223)
	May 29	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 29	Dispatch of disaster relief units in response to the eruption at Kuchinoerabu Island (through June 1)				
	May 30	Defense Minister Nakatani participates in 14th Asia Security Summit (held by IISS) (Singapore) (through May 31)				
	May 31	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore) Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministers' Meeting and Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting (Singapore) MSDF personnel is appointed commander of Combined Task Force (CTF 151) for counter-piracy operations				