

Defense Chronology

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1985	Sep 18	Mid-Term Defense Program approved by National Defense Council and Cabinet	Aug 12	Japan Airlines aircraft crashes	Feb 1	New Zealand refuses to allow U.S. destroyer Buchanan to enter port
	Dec 27	Detailed arrangements for the supply of military technologies to the U.S. concluded	Dec 28	Reshuffled second Nakasone Cabinet formed	Mar 11	Mikhail Gorbachev installed as General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party
					Mar 12	U.S.-Soviet Union arms control talks begin
					Jun 4	China announces cut of one million personnel from the People's Liberation Army
1986	Feb 24	First Japan-U.S. integrated command post exercise (through February 28)	Jul 22	Third Nakasone Cabinet formed	Apr 26	Accident at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union
	Jul 1	Security Council Establishment Law enacted			Aug 10	U.S. announces termination of its obligations to New Zealand under the ANZUS Treaty
	Jul 22	Kurihara appointed Minister of State for Defense			Sep 22	Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE) adopts final documents (Stockholm)
	Sep 5	Government approves the first transfer of military technology to the U.S.			Oct 11	U.S.-Soviet Union summit talks (Reykjavik, through October 12)
	Oct 27	First Japan-U.S. integrated field exercises staged (through October 31)				
	Dec 30	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet approve plans for dealing with the Immediate-term Defense Build-up Program authorized by the Cabinet on November 5, 1976 and included in the FY1987 budget				
1987	Jan 24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet agree on a program for the future build-up of defense capacity	May 27	Metropolitan Police Department arrests two employees of Toshiba Machine Co., Ltd., in connection with unfair exports that breach the rules of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Strategic Export Controls (COCOM) to Communist areas	Nov 29	KAL airliner blown up by North Korean terrorists while flying over the Bay of Bengal
	Jan 30	Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)			Dec 8	INF Treaty signed
	Nov 6	Kawara appointed Minister of State for Defense				
	Dec 18	Security Council of Japan approves a study on the state of air defense on the high seas	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 formed		
1988	Mar 2	Revised protocol of the Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)	Mar 13	Aomori-Hakodate Undersea Tunnel opens	Mar 14	Armed clashes between China and Viet Nam in the waters around the Spratly Islands
			Jun 1	Supreme Court rules on an appeal against the enshrining of an SDF officer killed in an accident	May 29	U.S.-Soviet Union summit talks (Moscow, through June 1, instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged)
			Dec 27	Second Takeshita Cabinet formed		

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1988	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			Aug 17	First joint verification of an underground nuclear test carried out by U.S. and Soviet Union (Nevada)
	Jul 23	Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka)			Aug 20	Cease-fire agreement reached in Iran-Iraq War
	Aug 24	Tazawa appointed Minister of State for Defense			Dec 7	General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet troops
	Nov 29	Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint development				
1989	Jan 27	Establishment of a commission for the study of defense capability	Jan 7	Emperor Showa dies	Feb 15	Soviet Union completes the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan
	Jun 3	Yamazaki appointed Minister of State for Defense	Feb 24	Emperor Showa's funeral	May 17	China-Soviet summit (Beijing): state-to-state and government-to-government relations normalized
	Aug 10	Matsumoto appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun 3	Uno Cabinet formed		Gorbachev announces the reduction of the Soviet Far East forces by 120,000 (Beijing)
			Aug 10	Kaifu Cabinet formed	Jun 4	Tiananmen Square incident
					Nov 9	GDR permits free departures to the West (virtual demolition of the Berlin Wall)
					Dec 2	U.S.-Soviet summit talks (Malta, through December 3)
1990	Feb 28	Ishikawa appointed Minister of State for Defense	Feb 28	Second Kaifu Cabinet formed	Aug 2	Iraq invades Kuwait
	Jun 19	Japan-U.S. Joint Committee confirms that the two countries will push ahead with procedures to coordinate the return of facilities by U.S. forces (23 items) in Okinawa	Aug 30	Government decides to donate US\$1 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region	Sep 30	Soviet Union-ROK establish diplomatic relations
	Jun 21	Japan and the U.S. reach agreement in principle on the establishment of a ministerial conference on security	Sep 14	Government pledges an additional US\$1 billion of economic aid toward efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region plus US\$2 billion to countries adjacent to the conflict	Oct 3	German unification
	Dec 20	Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995) approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet	Oct 16	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet	Nov 19	CFE Treaty and 22-Nation Joint Declaration, signing of Paris Charter Signing of CSBM Vienna document
	Dec 29	Ikedo appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov 10	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations annulled		
			Nov 12	Coronation of Emperor		
1991					Jan 17	Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Desert Storm

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1991	Jan 14	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 17)	Jan 17	Cabinet approves the establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters	Feb 24	Coalition forces ground troops advance on Kuwait and Iraq
	Jan 25	Cabinet approves ordinance on interim measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees (promulgated and enacted on January 29)	Jan 24	Government pledges an additional US\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region	Feb 28	Coalition forces cease combat action against Iraq
	Apr 26	Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf	Nov 5	Miyazawa Cabinet formed	Mar 31	Warsaw Pact structures dismantled
	Jun 3	Disaster relief dispatch with the eruption of Fugendake on Mount Unzen (through December 16, 1995)			Jun 25	Croatian and Slovenian Republics secede from Yugoslavia
	Oct 9	SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time			Jul 10	Russian President Yeltsin takes office
	Nov 5	Miyashita appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jul 31	U.S.-Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow
					Sep 6	Soviet State Council approves independence of three Baltic states
					Sep 17	ROK and North Korea simultaneously admitted to the U.N.
1992	Apr 1	Custody of Government aircraft (B-747) transferred to the Defense Agency	Jun 29	Law Revising Part of the Law Concerning the Dispatch of International Disaster Relief Teams comes into force	Feb 7	EC countries sign the European Union Treaty (Maastricht Treaty)
	Sep 17	SDF units dispatched to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) (through September 26, 1993)	Aug 10	International Peace Cooperation Law comes into force	Feb 25	China promulgates and enacts Territorial Waters Act, designating the Senkaku Islands as an integral part of China
	Dec 11	Nakayama appointed Minister of State for Defense	Oct 23	Emperor and Empress visit China (through October 28)	May 25	IAEA officials make the first designated inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities (through June 5)
	Dec 18	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet authorize modification of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995)			Jun 16	Massive cuts in strategic arms agreed at U.S.-Russia summit in Washington (through June 17)
					Jul 2	U.S. President Bush announces completion of the withdrawal to the U.S. of ground- or sea-based tactical nuclear weapons deployed overseas
					Aug 24	China-ROK establish diplomatic relations
					Nov 9	CFE Treaty becomes formally effective
					Nov 24	U.S. completes withdrawal of its Armed Forces from the Philippines
1993	May 11	SDF units dispatched to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) (through January 8, 1995)	Jan 13	Japan signs CWC	Jan 3	U.S.-Russia summit (Moscow); START-II signed
			Jun 9	Wedding ceremony of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince		
			Aug 9	Hosokawa Cabinet formed		

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

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1994					Aug 31	Russian troops complete withdrawal from the former GDR and three Baltic countries
					Oct 21	U.S.-North Korea Framework Agreement signed
					Dec 1	Commander of U.S.-ROK Combined Forces devolves operational control in peacetime to ROK forces
					Dec 5	START I comes into force
					Dec 18	Russia starts military operations against Chechnya
1995	Jan 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (through April 27)	Sep 4	Japanese schoolgirl assaulted by three U.S. soldiers based in Okinawa	Jan 1	CSCE changes its name to OSCE
	Mar 20	SDF personnel dispatched teams carry out rescue operations in the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system (through March 23)	Nov 17	Cabinet approves the establishment of a consultation forum to discuss issues relating to U.S. bases in Okinawa	Feb 27	U.S. Department of Defense publishes the EASR
	Jun 5	Japan and ROK defense authorities exchange correspondence on measures to prevent accidents between SDF and ROK military aircraft	Nov 19	Prime Minister Murayama and U.S. Vice President Gore agree on the establishment of the Special Action Committee on Facilities and Areas in Okinawa (SACO)	Mar 9	Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) established
	Jun 9	Security Council of Japan meets for the first time to discuss the state of future defense capabilities (total of 13 meetings through December 14)			May 11	NPT extended indefinitely
	Aug 8	Eto appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jun 7	Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui visits U.S.
	Sep 27	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 1, 1996)			Jul 11	U.S. President Clinton announces the normalization of U.S.-Viet Nam relations
	Sep 29	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture refuses to implement part of the procedure for the acquisition of useable land under the Special Land Lease Law			Dec 14	Formal signing of the Bosnian Peace Agreement in Paris
	Nov 28	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet adopt National Defense Program Outline for the period from FY1996			Dec 15	10 Southeast Asian nations sign the South East Asia Non-Nuclear Zone Treaty at ASEAN summit meeting
	Dec 14	Security Council of Japan adopts the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2000) (Cabinet Decision of December 15)			Dec 20	IFOR, consisting mainly of NATO troops, replaces UNPROFOR and formally commences operations in Bosnia

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1996	Jan 11	Usui appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan 11	Hashimoto Cabinet formed	Jan 26	START-II ratified by U.S. Senate
	Jan 31	United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)	Apr 12	Prime Minister Hashimoto meets U.S. Ambassador Mondale (agreement reached on the total return of Futenma Air Station, Okinawa, within five to seven years after conditions are satisfied)	Jan 27	France carries out nuclear tests (completion of which announced January 29)
	Mar 29	Application for a court order for the Prime Minister to authorize the use of land for U.S. bases as part of the procedure for the acquisition of useable land under the Special Land Lease Law	Apr 15	SACO Interim Report approved by Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee	Mar 8	China carries out missile firing exercises, naval and air force live-fire drills and integrated ground, naval and air force exercises in the waters close to Taiwan on a total of three occasions March 8-25
	Apr 1	Lease expires on part of land being used for Sobe Communication Site	Apr 16	Cabinet approves the promotion of solutions to issues relating to facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Okinawa Prefecture	Mar 23	Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections
	Apr 15	Signing of Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement and its procedural arrangements	Jul 20	U.N. Treaty on the Law of the Seas goes into effect in Japan	Jul 29	Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui re-elected
	Apr 17	Japan-U.S. Joint Declaration on Security issued	Aug 28	Supreme Court ruled on suit ordering the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture to execute his duty to sign by proxy under the Special Land Lease law for use by the stationing forces	Sep 10	China conducts underground nuclear test (its forty-fifty), then announces moratorium on nuclear testing
	Jul 26	First visit to Russia by MSDF ships (Vladivostok, through July 30)	Sep 8	Plebiscite held in Okinawa Prefecture	Sep 18	U.N. General Assembly adopts the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
	Sep 2	First visit by MSDF ships to ROK (Pusan, through September 6)	Sep 17	Cabinet approves the establishment of the Okinawa Policy Council	Sep 27	North Korean mini-submarine run aground on the east coast of ROK, its crew intruding into ROK territory
	Sep 18	Governor of Okinawa carries out notification and inspection procedures in accordance with the Special Land Lease Law (through October 2)	Nov 7	Second Hashimoto Cabinet formed	Oct 3	Taliban gains control of the Afghan capital, Kabul, and declares the establishment of a provisional government
	Oct 29	First Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia Pacific Region (through October 31, Tokyo)	Dec 2	SACO final report approved by Japan-U.S. Joint Security Council	Nov 5	Russia-Chechnya cease-fire agreed
	Nov 7	Kyuma appointed Minister of State for Defense			Nov 18	Clinton reelected U.S. President
	Dec 24	Security Council and Cabinet approve responses to foreign submarines traveling underwater in Japanese territorial waters				Basic NATO agreement to keep a multinational stabilization force (SFOR) to succeed IFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina
1997	Jan 20	Establishment of Defense Intelligence Headquarters	Apr 29	CWC enters into force in Japan	Mar 14	China enacts National Defense Law
	Apr 23	Partial amendment to the Special Land Lease Law promulgated and enters into force	Jul 3	First artillery live-fire training by U.S. Marines stationed in Okinawa carried out on the mainland of Japan (at Kita Fuji) (through July 9)	Apr 29	CWC enters into force
	Apr 25	Provisional use of part of Sobe Communication Station land starts	Sep 11	Second Hashimoto Cabinet inaugurated	May 12	Russia-Chechnya peace treaty signed
	May 15	Provisional use of part of the land belonging to 12 facilities including Kadena Air Base starts	Nov 5	Plans for the construction of a sea-based heliport presented to the local authority and residents	Jul 1	Hong Kong reverts to China
			Dec 3	Japan signs Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty	Jul 16	North Korean soldiers cross the military demarcation line (MDL) and exchange fire with ROK troops
					Jul 18	NATO and Russia establish a permanent joint council

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1997	Jun 9	Self-Defense Official (Director General of the Inspection Bureau) is dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)	Dec 21	Nago City holds a plebiscite on the planned construction of a U.S. heliport	Jul 23	Agreement reached on modification of the framework of the CFE Treaty
		C-130H aircraft transferred to Utahpao, Thailand for action against armed fighting in Cambodia (through July 16)	Dec 25	Nago City mayor formally announces the acceptance of the sea-based heliport	Aug 19	KEDO holds a ceremony to mark the start of work on the light-water reactors to be provided to North Korea
	Sep 23	New Japan-U.S. defense cooperation Security Consultative Committee (SCC)			Oct 8	North Korean Labor Party Secretary Kim Jong Il assumes the post of General Secretary
	Dec 19	Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2000) approved by the Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet			Nov 10	China-Russia summit talks: China-Russian joint statement signed (Beijing), and demarcation of the China-Russian eastern border declared
1998					Dec 3	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty signed
	Mar 26	Introduction of a system of SDF ready reserve personnel	Feb 6	Governor of Okinawa refuses to accept the sea-based heliport	Feb 23	U.N. and Iraq sign a memorandum of understanding on the agreement by Iraq to allow immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access to inspectors
	Apr 28	The signing of an agreement to revise the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement	Jul 30	Obuchi Cabinet formed	Apr 6	U.K. and France ratify CTBT
	May 18	C-130H aircraft transferred to Payareva, Singapore in the case of riots in Indonesia (through May 27)	Aug 31	Government refuses to sign Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) resolution on cost sharing after North Korean missile launch	May 11	India carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 13)
	Jun 12	Revision of the International Peace Cooperation Law promulgated and comes into force (the section concerning use of force comes into force July 12)	Sep 1	Temporary freezing of Japan-North Korea normalization talks	May 14	Large-scale riots in the Indonesian capital Jakarta
			Sep 2	Additional sanctions on North Korea (suspension of charter flights) implemented	May 28	Pakistan carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 30)
	Jul 29	Combined search and rescue operation exercise between MSDF/ASDF and Russian Navy—the first large-scale combined exercise between Japan and Russia	Oct 21	Japan lifts freeze on cooperation with North Korea and signs KEDO CCW revised Protocol II	Jun 11	Government of Pakistan announces unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests
			Dec 3	enters into force in Japan	Jun 22	North Korean submarine trespasses in waters off east coast of ROK and arrested by ROK military forces
	Jul 30	Nukaga appointed Minister of State for Defense	Dec 22	Cabinet decision on the introduction of information-gathering satellite	Jul 12	Bodies of armed North Korean special forces found in waters off ROK east coast
	Aug 31	North Korea launches missile over and beyond Japanese airspace		Aha Training Area returned (the first resolved issue of SACO)	Jul 27	China publishes its first comprehensive defense white paper, "Defense of China"
					Aug 20	U.S. military attacks terrorist facilities in Afghanistan and Sudan

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1998	Sep 3	Former Director-General of Central Procurement Office arrested on suspicion of breach of trust; compulsory investigation to Defense Agency Based on Okinawa Prefectural Land Expropriation Committee decision of use on May 19, usage of most land of 12 facilities, including Kadena Air Base, begins			Sep 5	Kim Jong Il assumes posts of General Secretary of the Worker' s Party and Chief of the National Defense Commission of North Korea
					Oct 23	Israel and the Palestinian Authority sign the Wye River Memorandum
	Nov 14	SDF units dispatched to Honduras with Japan Disaster Relief Team (through December 9)			Dec 17	U.S. and U.K. military initiate Operation Desert Fox against Iraq as a punishment for refusal to cooperate with UNSCOM inspections (through December 20)
	Nov 15	First joint exercise involving all three branches (a total of 2,400 personnel from the GSDF, MSDF and ASDF) (Iwo Jima)			Dec 18	North Korean semi-submersible infiltrates ROK southern coastal waters and is attacked and sunk by ROK Navy
	Nov 19	Announcement of the Basic Policy of Defense Procurement Reform				
	Nov 20	Norota appointed Minister of State for Defense				
	Dec 25	Security Council approves On Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies				
1999	Mar 23	Discovery of a spy ship of the Noto Peninsula (Maritime security operations ordered on March 24)	Mar 1	Entry into force by Japan of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty	Mar 1	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty enters into force
	Apr 2	Announcement of Concrete Measures of Procurement Reform	Sep 30	Critical accident at a private uranium processing facility in Tokaimura, Ibaraki Prefecture	Mar 24	NATO starts air campaign in Yugoslavia (through June 10)
	May 28	Bill Partially Amending the Self-Defense Forces Law (transportation of Japanese citizens and others in foreign countries) promulgated and comes into force	Oct 5	Second Obuchi Cabinet inaugurated	May 7	NATO forces mistakenly bomb Embassy of China in Yugoslavia
	Aug 5	First Joint Exercise of Search and Rescue Operations between MSDF and ROK Navy (Kyushu western waters)	Oct 12	Suspect Morodomi and 12 others found guilty of malpractice, etc. (Tokyo District Court)	May 20	U.S. inspection team enters North Korean nuclear facility at Kumchang-ni
	Aug 16	Exchange of official documents and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Japan and the U.S. on Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD)	Nov 22	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture declares the site proposed for the relocation of Futenma Air Station	Jun 4	Government of the Yugoslav Federation accepts Kosovo conflict peace plan submitted by U.S., EU and Russia
			Dec 1	Former Prime Minister Murayama and his Mission leave for North Korea. This Mission and the Workers' Party of North Korea sign a joint announcement (through December 3)	Jun 10	U.N. Security Council adopts peace resolution which includes deployment of an international security force (KFOR), including operations in Kosovo
					Jul 9	Taiwan "President" Lee Teng-hui describes China-Taiwan relations as a "special state-to-state relationship"

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1999	Aug 25	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan comes into force	Dec 27	Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture announces the acceptance of alternative facilities for Futenma Air Station	Sep 29	Russian military unit advances into the Republic of Chechnya
	Sep 23	SDF personnel dispatched to implement the transportation of necessary resources for international disaster relief operations in the Republic of Turkey (through November 22)	Dec 28	Cabinet decision on Government Policy for the Relocation of Futenma Air Station	Oct 12	Coup in Pakistan; Prime Minister Sharif overthrown
	Sep 25	Agreement to amend the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement between Japan and the United States enters into force			Oct 13	U.S. Senate rejects ratification of CTBT
	Oct 5	Tsutomu Kawara appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct 25	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution for the establishment of the U.N. Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)
	Nov 22	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for East Timor Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000)			Dec 17	U.N. Security Council establishes UNMOVIC
	Dec 17	The Security Council approves the Investigation of Functions Related to In-flight Refueling			Dec 20	Rule over Macao transferred from Portugal to China
					Dec 31	Russian President Yeltsin resigns
2000	Mar 29	Disaster relief dispatch for the eruption of Mount Usu begins (through July 24)	Jan 17	Disposal of anti-personnel mines by civilians begins	Jan 4	Italy establishes diplomatic relations with North Korea (first of the G7 to do so)
	May 8	Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building	Feb 16	First assembly of the Research Commissions on the Constitution in the Upper House (Lower House on February 17)	Feb 6	Acting Russian President Putin declares the conclusion of operations to capture cities in the Chechen Republic
	Jun 16	The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force	Apr 5 Jul 4	Mori Cabinet formed Second Mori Cabinet inaugurated	Mar 18	"Presidential" elections conducted in Taiwan; Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party elected
	Jun 27	Disaster relief dispatch conducted in response to the eruption of Mount Miyake (through October 3, 2001)	Jul 21	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23)	Apr 14	Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II (START II)
	Jul 4	Kazuo Torashima appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug 25	Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established	May 7	Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes duties as President
	Sep 8	Active MSDF official arrested for leaking secret documents to military attaché of Embassy of Russia	Nov 20	The 22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF	Jun 13	North-South Korean Summit (through June 15, Pyongyang)
	Sep 11	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 1, 2001)	Dec 5	Second Mori Cabinet reshuffled	Jul 21	U.S.-Russia summit meeting held, Cooperation on Strategic Stability announced
					Aug 12	Russian nuclear-powered submarine Kursk sinks

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2000	Sep 13	SDF personnel dispatched to dispose of Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW) in Beian, China			Aug 23	Secretary General of the U.N. publishes a report on U.N. Peace operations
	Oct 27	Defense Agency finishes report on Review and Reinforcement of Classified Security System			Sep 25	ROK and North Korea hold Defense Ministers Talks (through September 26)
	Dec 5	Toshitsugu Saito appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct 12	U.S. and North Korea announce U.S.-North Korea Joint Communiqué in Yemen, a small boat explodes, causing great damage to U.S. Navy destroyer USS Cole
	Dec 15	Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet adopts the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2001-FY2005)			Oct 23	Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visits North Korea (through October 25)
2001	Jan 6	Bureau of Finance and Equipment and Central Contract Office established	Jan 6	Reorganization of Government ministries and agencies into Cabinet Office and 12 ministries and agencies	Jan 15	North Korean General Secretary Kim Jong Il makes unofficial visit to China (through January 20)
	Feb 5	SDF units dispatched to India for International Disaster Relief Operation (through February 11)	Feb 10	The Ehime Maru, a training boat from Ehime Prefecture Uwajima Fisheries High School sinks off Hawaii after collision with U.S. submarine	Jan 20	George W. Bush becomes president of the U.S.
	Feb 9	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC				Gloria Macapagal Arroyo becomes president of the Philippines
	Mar 1	The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect			Mar 7	Sharon Administration is inaugurated in Israel
	Apr 26	Gen Nakatani appointed Minister of State for Defense	Mar 7	Former Maritime Self-Defense Official is given a jail sentence for providing confidential documents to officer of the Russian Embassy	Apr 1	Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes
	Sep 21	First Meeting of the Committee to Consider the Modality of National Defense			Jun 15	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) established
	Oct 6	International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan refugees (through October 12)	Apr 1	Information Disclosure Act (IDA) comes into force	Jul 15	Pakistani President Musharraf visits India and holds meeting with Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee
	Nov 2	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law (guarding operations, strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy (defense secrets)) are promulgated and enforced (strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy is separately enforced on November 1, 2002)	Apr 26	Koizumi Cabinet formed	Sep 3	President and CCP General Secretary Jiang Zemin visits North Korea (through September 5)
			May 3	Suspected North Koreans detained (on suspicion of illegal entry on a falsified passport)	Sep 11	Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur (two airplanes crash into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon, killing thousands)
			Jun 28	Defense Ministry Bill presented to the House of Representatives by Diet members	Sep 12	U.N. Security Council passes resolution condemning the terrorist attacks
			Aug 13	Prime Minister Koizumi visits Yasukuni Shrine	Sep 14	Australia decides to invoke the right of collective self-defense under the ANZUS Treaty
			Sep 19	Prime Minister Koizumi announces immediate measures in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S.	Oct 1	U.S. announces Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)
			Oct 8	Government of Japan establishes the Emergency Anti-Terrorism Headquarters and decides upon Emergency Response Measures at the First Meeting		
	Nov 9	SDF warship dispatched to the Indian Ocean for information-gathering				
	Nov 25	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, an MSDF supply vessel, minesweeper tender, and destroyers depart for cooperation and support activities				

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2001	Nov 29	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, ASDF begins aerial transportation between USFJ bases	Oct 29	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and other measures passed in the House of Councillors plenary session	Oct 2	In response to the September 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S., NATO invokes Article 5 (on collective self-defense) of the North Atlantic Treaty
	Dec 2	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, MSDF supply vessels begin refueling U.S. ships in the Indian Ocean	Nov 16	A Cabinet decision is made for a basic plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Oct 7	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan
		Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, ASDF begins international airlift	Dec 1	Her Imperial Highness Princess Aiko is born to Their Imperial Highnesses The Crown Prince and Crown Princess	Nov 13	U.S.-Russia Summit held, President George W. Bush announces policy to cut strategic nuclear weapons to between 1,700 and 2,200 over the next ten years
	Dec 14	A bill is introduced to partially amend the Law Concerning Cooperation for U.N. PKOs and Other Operations (the absolution of the freeze on Peacekeeping Force headquarter activities, etc.)	Dec 22	Suspicious boat incident in waters southwest of Kyushu	Dec 1	Taiwan' s ruling Democratic Progress Party, led by "President" Chen Shui-bian, wins majority in legislative election
		Security Council approves the Selection of In-flight Refueling Transportation Aircraft Type			Dec 3	U.S. is successful in missile defense testing
					Dec 5	U.S. and Russia complete implementation of START I
					Dec 7	Anti-Taliban force in Afghanistan takes over Kandahar
					Dec 13	Assault on the Indian Parliament
					Dec 20	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution establishing an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)
					Dec 22	Afghanistan Interim Authority formed, with Mr. Hamid Karzai serving as Chairman
					Dec 29	Russia withdraws troops from its base in Cuba
2002	Jan 29	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, MSDF supply vessels begin refueling U.K. warships in the Indian Ocean	Feb 15	Cabinet decision on international cooperation execution plan for East Timor	Jan 8	U.S. Department of Defense submits the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) to Congress
	Mar 2	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to East Timor (through June 25, 2004)	Apr 12	Supreme Court rejected an appeal for the New Yokota Air Base Suit	Jan 21	International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan (through January 22, Tokyo)
	Mar 7	2 OH-6Ds crash (GSDF, Kokonoe-machi, Kusu-gun, Oita Prefecture)	Apr 16	Cabinet decision on the bill to amend the Law on the Establishment of the Security Council of Japan, the bill to respond to Armed Attacks and the bill to amend the Self-Defense Forces Law	Jan 29	U.S. President Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address
	Mar 27	Implementation of law to partially amend the Defense Agency Establishment Law and Self-Defense Forces Law (the Introduction of Candidate for Reserve Personnel introduction of Candidates for Reserve Personnel, etc.)	May 17	Cabinet decision is made for revision of a basic plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	May 4	Russian Army returns Cam Ranh Naval Base to Viet Nam
			May 31	FIFA World Cup 2002 Korea/Japan is held	May 20	Independence of East Timor
						The United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in East Timor (UNMISSET)

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2002	Apr 1	Establishment of the Labor Management Organization for USFJ Employees, Incorporated Administrative Agency	Jun 11	Investigation Report of Defense Agency Incident Related to List of People Requesting Information Disclosure is released	May 24	U.S.-Russia Treaty on Strategic Offensive Reductions signed
	Apr 22	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise held (the first multilateral exercise organized by Japan, through May 2)	Jul 29	9th Meeting (i.e. final meeting) of the Consultative Body on Futenma Replacement Facility (CFR) is held	May 28	NATO-Russia Summit reaches formal agreement to establish NATO-Russia Council
	Apr 29	Prime Minister Koizumi visits PKO unit in East Timor		Basic Plan of the Futenma Replacement Facility agreed	Jun 13	U.S. officially withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty
	Sep 30	Ishiba appointed Minister of State for Defense	Sep 11	Suspicious ship raised from the sea floor (offshore Amami Oshima Island)	Jun 29	Exchanges of fire between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats which crossed the NLL
	Oct 1	One personnel dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (as an Operation and Planning Director)	Sep 17	Japan-North Korea Summit held	Sep 12	U.S. President Bush makes a statement about Iraq at the U.N. meeting
	Oct 15	Multilateral search and rescue exercise (Southern Kanto waters and Sagami Bay)	Sep 30	Cabinet reshuffle	Sep 20	U.S. Government announces the National Security Strategy
	Nov 1	Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law, which strengthens penalties to ensure secrecy, is enforced	Oct 13	First International Fleet Review in Japan (Tokyo Bay)	Oct 3	Assistant Secretary of State Kelly visits North Korea (through October 5)
	Nov 18	SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercise in Hokkaido	Oct 15	5 Those abducted return to Japan	Oct 12	Terrorist bombing breaks out in Bali
	Dec 2	One person dispatched to Planning and Control Team, Military Division, Department of Peace-keeping Operations (U.N. DPKO) (New York)	Oct 23	APEC Summit held	Oct 16	U.S. Government announces that North Korea admitted the fact that they had a uranium enrichment plan for nuclear weapons when Assistant Secretary of State Kelly visited North Korea
	Dec 16	Kirishima, vessel equipped with Aegis air defense systems, departs the port of Yokosuka, according to revision (Dec 6) in the Implementation Plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Nov 19	A Cabinet decision is made for revision of a basic plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Oct 23	Chechen guerillas seize the Dubrovka Theater in Moscow
	Dec 19	Joint Staff Council (JSC) reports on Study of Joint Operations to Minister of State for Defense			Nov 14	KEDO Executive Board decides to freeze provision of heavy oil to North Korea from December
					Nov 21	NATO Summit decides new membership for seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe, announces the Prague Declaration, and agrees to establish its high-readiness unit
					Nov 27	U.N. Inspection Team visits Baghdad to resume inspections after four years
					Nov 29	IAEA Board of Governors decides to request North Korea to accept nuclear inspection
					Dec 7	Iraq submits a report to the U.N. on its plan for development of weapons of mass destruction
					Dec 12	North Korea announces it will resume operation and establishment of nuclear-related facilities

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2002					Dec 13	EU Summit decides new membership for ten countries in Eastern Europe
					Dec 17	U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system
2003	Feb 8	Antipersonnel landmines possessed by the SDF are all disposed of (with some exceptions)	Jan 28	Establishment of Consultative Body on Construction of Futenma Replacement Facility concerning to Futenma Air Station replacement	Jan 10	North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)
	Mar 30	International peace and cooperation activities are conducted for relief of Iraqi refugees (Airborne unit for Iraqi refugee relief returns to Japan on April 2)	May 30	Personal Information Protection law partially takes effect	Jan 24	U.S. Department of Homeland Security established
	Apr 21	ASDF in-flight refueling training Meeting (through May 1)	Jun 6	Three Armed Attack situation response related laws are passed at the Upper House plenary session and enacted	Feb 25	Roh Moo-hyun is elected as 16th President of South Korea
	May 21	U-36A is overturned by accident (MSDF, Iwakuni base)	Jul 26	Law concerning the Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction	Mar 7	UNMOVIC and IAEA present an additional report on inspections in Iraq
	Jul 17	International peace and cooperation activities are conducted for relief of affected people in Iraq (Airborne unit for relief of affected people in Iraq returns to Japan August 18)	Sep 14	Government survey mission dispatched to Middle East countries, including Iraq	Mar 7	At the U.N. Security Council meeting for foreign affairs officials, the U.S., U.K., and Spain submit a revised resolution draft to request Iraq to disarm itself of weapons of mass destruction
	Sep 11	Ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Memorial Zone	Sep 30	Cabinet decides to newly establish, in its decoration system, an award for people engaged in dangerous activities	Mar 15	China's National People's Congress elects Hu Jintao as its President, while Ziang Zemin remains as chairman of the Central Military Commission
	Oct 10	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law remains in force for another two years	Oct 7	Joint communiqué signed for the first time at Japan-China-ROK Summit meeting	Mar 17	U.S. and U.K. give up adopting the revised resolution draft on Iraq at U.N. Security Council
	Nov 3	Former SDF officials decorated for their engagement in dangerous activities	Oct 10	"The Defense Ministry Establishment Bill" was scrapped concurrently with the dissolution of the House of Representatives	Mar 20	U.S. and U.K. forces begin military operations in Iraq
	Nov 15	SDF special research group dispatched to Iraq			Apr 30	U.S., Russia, U.N., and EU present Roadmap to Israeli-Palestinian peace, as a new peace process for Palestine
	Dec 19	Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and cabinet meeting)	Oct 24	Foreign Minister Kawaguchi announces five billion dollars worth of assistance at the International Donors' Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in Spain	May 1	U.S. President Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq
	Dec 19	Order issued to GSDF, MSDF, and ASDF concerning implementation of response measures based on the Humanitarian Relief and Iraqi Reconstruction Special Measures Law	Nov 19	Second Koizumi Cabinet formed	May 1	U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld declares termination of major military operations in Afghanistan
	Dec 26	ASDF advance team leaves for Kuwait	Nov 27	Supreme Court rules on suit related to dispossession of Sobe Communication Site land	May 22	U.N. Security Council Resolution adopted by a large majority to allow member states to give assistance for reconstruction of Iraq
			Nov 29	Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq	May 31	Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) proposed by U.S. President for the first time

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2003	Dec 30	Relief materials transported by air in response to great earthquake in Iran under the Law concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams (Iran on January 1 and 2)	Dec 9	Cabinet decision made on basic plan for Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq (Dispatch period: by December 14, 2004)	Jun 1	U.S.-Russia Summit meeting held and the strategic offensive reductions treaty between U.S. and Russia ratified
					Jul 13	Iraq' s Governing Council inaugurated
					Aug 5	Suicide bombing against U.S. affiliated-hotel in Jakarta
					Aug 6	Shanghai Cooperation Organization holds joint anti-terrorism military maneuvers (through August 12)
					Aug 19	Suicide bombing on U.N. headquarters in Baghdad
					Aug 27	First Six-Party Talks held (through August 29)
					Sep 12	First joint naval exercise held in the Coral Sea off the northeastern coast of Australia under the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) (through September 14)
					Oct 2	North Korean Foreign Ministry announces it has finished reprocessing spent nuclear fuel rods
					Oct 15	China becomes the third country to successfully launch a manned spacecraft into orbit, following the United States and the former Soviet Union
					Oct 23	International Donors' Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq (Madrid) (through October 24)
					Oct 23	Russia establishes air force base in Kyrgyz
					Nov 6	Russia-E.U. Summit held (Rome)
					Nov 24	U.S. President Bush makes a statement about emphasis on consultation with allies in connection with global posture review of U.S. forces
					Nov 26	Kashmir ceasefire agreement comes into force
					Dec 4	Australia decides to participate in missile defense program
					Dec 5	First meeting of advisory committee on comprehensive U.N. reform held
					Dec 13	U.S. forces capture former President Hussein in Iraq
					Dec 18	Iran signs IAEA agreement
					Dec 19	Libya announces abandonment of weapons of mass destruction program
					Dec 26	Massive earthquake strikes Iran

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2004	Jan 9	Dispatch order issued to GSDF advance team and ADSF main detached airborne unit	Jan 1	Prime Minister Koizumi visits Yasukuni Shrine	Jan 4	In Afghanistan, new constitution adopted in the constitutional Loya Girga (Grand Assembly)
	Jan 16	GSDF advance team leaves for Iraq	Feb 9	Implementation of Iraq-related response measures approved in Diet	Feb 4	Pakistani government admits Dr. Khan's involvement in suspected nuclear technology proliferation issues
	Jan 22	ASDF main contingent leaves for Kuwait	Apr 8	Three Japanese hostages taken in Iraq (released on April 15)	Feb 25	Second Six-Party Talks held (Beijing) (through February 28)
	Feb 3	Departure of first SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities	Apr 14	Two Japanese hostages taken in Iraq (released on April 17)	Mar 11	Terrorist bombings on commuter train system in Madrid, Spain
	Feb 9	MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait (return on April 8)	Apr 20	Council for security and defense capabilities established (first meeting held on April 27)	Mar 20	President Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party reelected in Taiwan's presidential election
	Feb 17	Attempt to fire metal bullets to Defense Agency	Apr 23	Cabinet decision made for revision of basic plan on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Mar 22	EU General Affairs Council agrees upon development of the structure and organization of the rapidresponse capabilities of the EU
	Feb 23	Two AH-1S aircrafts crashed (GSDF, mountain in Toba City, Mie)	May 22	Japan-North Korea Summit held (Pyongyang)	Mar 29	Seven central and eastern European countries newly join NATO
	Aug 1	Dispatch of SDF personnel to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) as Director of Inspection Bureau	May 27	5 abductees return to Japan	Apr 19	North Korean Labor Party's General Secretary Kim Jong-Il makes an unofficial visit to China (through April 21)
	Sep 8	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary (commemorative) ceremony	Jun 14	Two Japanese free-lance journalists attacked and killed in Iraq	Apr 22	Train explosion accident in northwestern part of North Korea
	Oct 23	Disaster relief dispatch for Niigata Chuetsu Earthquake (until December 21)		Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in Upper House plenary session and conclusion of three treaties approved	Apr 28	UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction
	Oct 25	PSI exercise for maritime interdiction operation hosted by Japan (in the offing of Sagami Bay and in Yokosuka Harbor, -October 27)	Jun 18	Special Measures Law for the Embargo on Specific Ships passed	May 1	Ten Eastern European countries newly join EU
	Nov 7	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary commemorative troop review		Cabinet agreement for SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty (joining multinational forces)	May 5	Terrorist bombing in Athens, Greece
	Nov 10	Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered submarine into Japan's territorial waters-Maritime security operations order issued (Until November 12)		Cabinet decision made on revision of basic plan on Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction in Iraq	May 9	Chechen President Kadyrov assassinated
	Dec 5	Minister of State for Defense Ohno visits Iraq and Kuwait	Jun 29	Government decision made on ¥31.9 billion assistance to Iraq after the transfer of sovereignty to Iraq	May 22	New Indian cabinet, led by Singh, inaugurated
	Dec 10	"National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2005 and after" adopted by the Security Council and the Cabinet	Aug 13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	Jun 1	Interim Iraqi Government inaugurated, and Iraqi Governing Council dissolved
		"Mid-Term Defense Program for FY2005-FY2009" adopted by the Security Council and the Cabinet	Sep 27	2nd Koizumi reshuffled Cabinet formed	Jun 8	UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq
			Oct 4	Final report of Council on Security and Defense Capabilities	Jun 9	Sea Island Summit held (through June 10)
					Jun 16	Russian military strategic exercise "Mobility 2004" (until June 30)
					Jun 23	Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit talks (until June 17)
					Jun 28	The Third Six-Party Talks (Beijing) (-June 26)
						Transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government

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2004	Dec 28	MSDF ships dispatched to the offing of Thailand' s Phuket Island to engage in the international disaster relief activities for Indonesia' s Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (until January 1, 2005)	Oct 26	Cabinet decision made on revision of basic plan on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law One Japanese citizen abducted (found dead on October 31)	Jul 5	Indonesian presidential election (the first direct election)
			Dec 9	Cabinet decision made on revision of basic plan on Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction in Iraq	Aug 16	President Bush delivers a speech on the military posture review
					Sep 1	Chechen' s armed pro-independence rebels seize a school in Beslan of the Russian Republic of North Ossetia
					Sep 9	Bombing in front of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta
					Sep 10	FPDA (Five-Party Defense Arrangements) conducts the first anti-maritime terrorism exercise in the South China Sea (-September 25)
					Sep 18	The IAEA Board of Governors adopts a resolution calling for a halt to Iran' s uranium enrichment-related activities
					Sep 19	President Hu Jintao assumes the position of Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Chinese Communist Party
					Sep 24	India-Pakistan summit talks/A joint statement announced, reconfirming continuation of dialogues toward normalization of relations
					Oct 2	Series of bomb blasts in India
					Oct 6	The U.S. and South Korea announce a plan of three-stage reduction of 12,500 U.S. forces stationed in South Korea by 2008
					Oct 7	Series of bomb blasts in Egypt
					Oct 17	Russia sets up a military base in Tajikistan
					Oct 20	Yudhoyono sworn in as Indonesia' s new president
					Oct 26	The Israeli parliament approves the plan of withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, etc.
					Oct 29	EU leaders sign the EU Constitution
					Nov 4	The first ARF security policy conference held in Beijing (-November 6)
					Nov 11	Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, dies
					Nov 14	Iran and the U.K./Germany/ France agree on the halt to Iran' s nuclear development-related activities (Paris Accord)
					Nov 16	Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine' s intrusion into Japan' s territorial waters
					Nov 21	APEC Summit Meeting (-November 22)

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2004					Nov 29	The IAEA Board of Governors shelve relegating the Iranian nuclear matter to the Security Council, and adopt a resolution calling for the continued halt to uranium enrichment-related activities by Iran
					Nov 30	The U.N. High-Level Panel announces a report on U.N. reforms
					Dec 6	An armed group attacks the U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
					Dec 7	Karzai sworn in as Afghan president
					Dec 17	The U.S. enacts Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, and creates a new post of Director of National Intelligence
					Dec 26	Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster
					Dec 27	Chinese 2004 national defense report released
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 17	Cabinet decision made on the change in the execution plan of international peace cooperation activities for Golan Heights	Jan 9	The government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) sign a comprehensive peace agreement
			Jan 19	The Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged Chinese nuclear submarines in Japan's territorial waters	Jan 12	The European Parliament adopts a resolution for supporting the EU Constitution
	Jan 9	Minister of State for Defense Ohno visits Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Korea (-January 13)	Feb 17	Ruling made for the 4th lawsuit on the noise of Kadena Base by the Okinawa Branch of Naha District Court (Appeal court starts on February 28)	Jan 15	China and Taiwan agree on special direct flights
	Feb 1	Japan-Singapore defense summit talks (Ohno and Teo in Tokyo)			Jan 20	Abbas sworn in as Palestinian Authority President
	Feb 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2 + 2" /Washington)-The common strategic objectives confirmed	Feb 26	Successful launch of an H2 rocket	Jan 30	The US President Bush sworn in for the second term
	Mar 5	Incident of failing to confirm an aerial explosion of self-propelled 120mm mortar cartridge (Shimamatsu Quarter of GSDF Hokkaido Maneuver Area)	Mar 8	The Korean Government protests against Asahi Shinbun plane approaching the Takeshima Island without their permission	Feb 4	Iraqi National Assembly elections
	Mar 7	U.K. forces take over security mission in Al Muthanah Governorate of Iraq from the Netherlands	Mar 14	A Japanese boat was attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew were abducted (Released on March 20)	Feb 8	South Korea 2004 national defense report released
	Mar 20	Disaster relief dispatch for the earthquake with the epicenter in the offing to the west of Fukuoka Prefecture (-April 25)	Mar 16	Shimane Prefecture establishes the "Takeshima Day"	Feb 10	Israeli Premier Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Abbas hold talks
			Mar 25	Cabinet decision made on Basic Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians Expo 2005 Aichi starts (-September 25)	Feb 14	North Korean Foreign Ministry claims that the country has already manufactured nukes
					Feb 22	Bombing in Beirut/Lebanese former Premier Hariri dies
					Feb 26	Simultaneous bombings attacks in Metro Manila, the Philippines
						The Australian prime minister announces reinforcement of Australian forces in Southern Iraq
						The U.S. announces resumption of the military education and training to Indonesia, suspended from 1992

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2005	Mar 24	Japan-China vice-ministerial talks (Beijing)	Mar 27	Japan-France summit talks	Mar 5	China holds the 3rd session of the 10th National People's Congress(- March 14)/The Anti Secession Law adopted on the last day
	Apr 4	NATO Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer visits the Defense Agency	Apr 1	"Law for personal information protection" goes fully into effect		Syrian President Assad expresses a policy of withdrawing the troops stationed in Lebanon
	Apr 14	Crash of an MU-2 rescue and search plane (ASDF/Mountainous area of Aga-machi, Niigata Prefecture)		"Law for the protection of personal information held by administrative agencies" goes into effect.		Chechen rebel leader Maskhadov dies
			Apr 13	Ministry of International Trade and Industry starts procedures for granting exploration rights to Japanese businesses concerning gas field development in East China Sea	Mar 8	
	Apr 18	Japan-Switzerland defense summit talks (Ohno and Schmid in Tokyo)			Mar 11	The U.K. parliament passes the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005
	Apr 25	Disaster relief dispatch for the train accident of JR West Japan' s Fukuchiyama Line			Mar 13	Uprising in Kyrgyz to protest the result of the parliamentary election (-April 4)/The president resigns officially
	May 2	SDF officially takes part for the first time in the multilateral joint exercise "Cobra Gold 05" conducted in Chiang Mai of Thailand (-May 13)	Apr 15	The House of Representatives Research Commission on the Constitution decides on the final report	Mar 14	The second Thaksin administration starts in Thailand
		Japan-Philippines defense summit talks (Ohno and Cruz in Manila)	Apr 20	Upper House Research Commission on the Constitution decides on the final report	Mar 20	The U.N. Secretary-General Annan announces a report on U.N. reforms
	May 3	Japan-Australia defense summit talks (Ohno and Hill in Sydney)	Apr 20	Japan-Australia summit talks	Mar 23	South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun' s open letter to the nation on Japan-Korea relations released
	Jun 4	Minister of State for Defense Ohno participates in the 4th Asia Security Conference in Singapore hosted by the U.K. International Institute for Strategic Studies (-Jun 5)	Apr 22	Cabinet decision made on the change in the basic plan based on the special measures bill to fight terrorism	Mar 24	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution establishing the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS)
	Jun 6	Japan-New Zealand defense summit talks (Ohno and Burton in Tokyo)	Apr 23	Japan-China summit talks	Apr 4	Australia-Indonesia summit talks/Agreement reached on close cooperation between the two countries
	Jun 28	The 10th Tokyo Defense Forum (-Jun 29)	Apr 29	Japan-India summit talks	Apr 7	Direct bus service across the LOC in the Kashmir region start
	Jul 19	Order for the 7th SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities to take over from the 6th contingent	Jun 20	Japan-Korea summit talks	Apr 9	Massive anti-Japan demonstrations in Beijing
			Jul 5	The House of Representatives approves the Postal Privatization Bill	Apr 13	European Parliament approves EU membership to Bulgaria and Romania
	Aug 5	Dispatch of a MSDF vessel to conduct international disaster relief activity in connection with the accident of a small submarine of the Russian Navy off Kamchatka (until Aug 10)	Jul 7	Japan-Russia summit talks	Apr 16	Massive anti-Japan demonstrations in Shanghai
			Jul 14	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry announces its intention to grant Teikoku Oil a prospecting right for gas field in East China Sea	Apr 17	The Pakistani president visits India/India-Pakistan summit talks
	Aug 21	The 20th air transport unit dispatched to Golan Heights takes over from the 19th unit	Aug 8	The House of Representatives is dissolved after the House of Councilors rejects the Postal Privatization Bill	Apr 20	NATO and Russia sign Status of Forces agreement allowing the NATO and Russian troops to pass through each other' s territory and to conduct joint exercises
			Sep 11	General election for the House of Representatives	Apr 22	Asia-Africa summit talks (-April 23)
	Sep 6	Disaster relief dispatch for damages by Typhoon No.14 (until Sep 18)	Sep 21	The third Koizumi Cabinet is inaugurated	Apr 25	Bulgaria and Romania sign the EU Accession Treaty
			Oct 14	The House of Councilors approves the Postal Privatization Bill	Apr 28	The Iraqi Transitional Government sworn in
					Apr 29	Lian Zhan, Chairman of Kuomintang, visits China

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2005	Sep 12	Disaster relief dispatch for avian influenza in Ogawa Town in Ibaraki Prefecture (until Sep 30)	Oct 28	Related ministries and agencies, and local governments conduct command post exercise for emergency situation in the Crisis Management Center of the Prime Minister's Office.	May 5	UK's Labor Party wins the majority in the House of Commons in the general election in the U.K. to stay in power for the third straight terms
	Oct 11	Order for the 8th SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities to take over from the 7th contingent	Oct 31	The third Koizumi reshuffled Cabinet is inaugurated. Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended for one year).	May 7	Simultaneous bombings at the three places in Yangon, Myanmar
	Oct 12	Dispatch of SDF's units to Pakistan to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the great earthquake in Pakistan etc. (All units returned home by Dec 2)	Nov 3	Japan-North Korea intergovernmental conference resumes after the interval of about one year	May 10	Russia-EU summit/Adopted "Roadmaps"
	Oct 20	GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint field training against terrorist attack for the first time	Nov 11	The Cabinet approves "the government's actions to be taken for the time being in connection with the matters approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultation Committee held on October 29, 2005"	May 11	North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman announces that the country has completed unloading of 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods from its nuclear reactor in Yongbyon
	Oct 29	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2" /Washington) announces "U.S.-Japan Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future"	Nov 16	At the Japan-U.S. summit talks, the two countries agree to enhance Japan-U.S. alliance	May 13	Antigovernment rebellion by armed elements in Uzbekistan
	Oct 31	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga assumes office	Nov 18	Japan-Korea summit talks	May 20	UNMISET completes its mission
	Dec 1	Partial amendment of the Law concerning Allowances, etc. for Defense Agency Personnel (Payroll Amendment)	Nov 21	Japan-Russia summit talks	May 29	France rejects ratification of the European Constitution by referendum
	Dec 3	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga visits Iraq and Kuwait	Nov 27	Field training under the Civil Protection Law takes place for the first time in Fukui Prefecture	Jun 1	National election in Lebanon (- June 19)
	Dec 24	The Security Council and the Cabinet approve "Japan-U.S. Joint Development of Interceptor Missiles Having Improved Capability of Ballistic Missile Defense"	Dec 5	Japan-Iraq summit talks	Jun 2	The Netherlands rejects ratification of the European Constitution by referendum
			Dec 8	The Cabinet approves the one-year extension of period of dispatch of SDF units to Iraq	Jun 10	China-India-Russia Foreign Ministers' trilateral meeting (Vladivostok)
					Jun 15	U.S.-South Korea summit talks (Washington)
					Jun 16	The 5th anniversary of 2000 inter-Korean summit talks (Pyongyang)
					Jun 17	U.S. summit (Brussels, - June 17)
					Jun 21	U.S.-Vietnam summit talks (Washington)
					Jun 24	The 15th inter-Korean ministerial talks (Seoul, - June 24)
					Jun 28	Conservative Ahmadinejad elected as Iran's new president
					Jul 5	Defense Ministers of the United States and India signs a military pact concerning joint production of arms and cooperation in missile defense
					Jul 6	Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit talks (in Kazakhstan)/They announce a statement asking for limiting the period of station of the counter-terrorism allied forces at bases in member countries
						Gleneagles summit talks (until Jul 8)

* Listed in detail for two most recent years (2004-2005) as targeted in this White Paper.

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2005					<p>Jul 7 Terrorist explosions take place in London</p> <p>Jul 12 The United States and Singapore sign an agreement on strategic framework concerning the enhancement of security cooperation</p> <p>Jul 16 Election of the Chairman of Nationalist Party in Taiwan/Mayor of Taipei, Ma Ying Jiu is elected</p> <p>Jul 19 U.S. Department of Defense publicizes the "2005 Annual Report on Chinese Military Forces"</p> <p>Jul 20 The United States and India announce a joint statement concerning the formation of "global partnership" and the enhancement of U.S. cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy by India</p> <p>Jul 21 Terrorist explosions take place in London</p> <p>Jul 23 Terrorist explosions take place at hotel etc. in Sharmelsheikh in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt</p> <p>Jul 26 The fourth six-country meeting is held (until August 7)</p> <p>Jul 29 ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) ministerial meeting is held</p> <p>Aug 4 Accident of a small submarine of Russian Navy off Kamchatka (until August 7)</p> <p>Aug 17 Explosions take place almost simultaneously at more than 350 places in Dacca etc. in Bangladesh</p> <p>Aug 18 First-Ever China-Russia Joint Military Exercises, dubbed "Peace Mission 2005," are conducted (until Aug 25)</p> <p>Aug 28 The Iraqi National Assembly publicizes a draft constitution</p> <p>Sep 1 The Chinese State Council publicizes a white paper titled "China's Arms Control, Arms Reduction and Efforts for Non-Proliferation"</p> <p>Sep 8 Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore agree to establish a system to jointly monitor vessels navigating through the Malacca Strait. The three countries agree to implement first-ever joint air patrol.</p>	

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2005					Sep 9	MSDF' s P-3C patrol aircraft identifies that five destroyers of the Chinese Navy, including Sovremenny Class, are navigating in the sea area surrounding "Kashi" gas field near the midway line between Japan and China in the East China Sea
					Sep 13	The fourth six-country meeting is held (until Sep 19) South Korea-North Korea ministerial meeting is held (in Pyongyang until Sep 16)
					Sep 16	The U.N. summit meeting adopts a "Performance Paper" indicating the general direction of U.N. reform
					Sep 18	Lower House election, etc. are held in Afghanistan
					Oct 1	Terrorist explosions take place in Bali, Indonesia
					Oct 8	An earthquake of M7.6 takes place in the northern part of Pakistan
					Oct 12	China succeeds in launching a spaceship named "Shen Zhou-6"
					Oct 15	Iraq conducts a national referendum for the draft constitution
					Oct 16	Indian and Russian Armies conduct first-ever large-scale joint military exercises named "Indra 2005" (until October 19)
					Oct 18	U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld visits Chine for the first time after the assumption of office
					Oct 28	Chinese President Hu Jintao visits North Korea (until October 30)
					Oct 29	Terrorist explosions take place in New Delhi, India
					Oct 31	Vietnam and China agree to cooperate with each other in the fields of economy, trade, energy, etc., including the joint development of oilfields in the Tonkin Gulf
					Nov 7	Myanmar' s Minister of Information announces that the country' s capital is relocated to Pyinmana
					Nov 8	The French Government declares a state of emergency as disturbances take place since late October in many parts of the country

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2005					Nov 9	Terrorist explosions take place at hotels in Amman, Jordan The fifth six-country meeting is held (until November 11)
					Nov 14	Russia and Uzbekistan sign an alliance treaty
					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.
					Nov 18	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit meeting is held (until November 19)
					Nov 21	U.S. forces stationing in Uzbekistan complete evacuation
					Nov 22	Japan, the United States, Korea and EU reach a basic agreement on the abolition of light-water reactor construction project to be implemented by the KEDO German Prime Minister Merkel assumes office
					Dec 2	The Community of Democratic Choice (DCC) consisting of eleven countries that joined the former Soviet or Eastern bloc is formed
					Dec 4	Indian Prime Minister Singh visits Russia (until December 7)
					Dec 6	The United States and Romania conclude an agreement on the construction of four U.S. military facilities in Romania
					Dec 12	ASEAN+3 summit meeting is held
					Dec 13	South Korea-North Korea ministerial meeting is held (in Cheju, until December 16)
					Dec 14	The first East Asia Summit is
					Dec 15	Iraq conducts an election of the National Assembly under the permanent constitution
					Dec 16	The UN General Assembly adopts a resolution denouncing the human rights suppression by North Korea
					Dec 22	Russia delivers two kilo-class submarines to China
2006	Jan 6	Disaster relief dispatch for snow damage from the "2006 Heavy Snowfall" (Relief units were dispatched to six prefectures for twenty days in total until January 28)	Jan 23	A house search is made against Yamaha Motor on charges that the company illegally exported unmanned helicopters that can be used for military purposes to China	Jan 1	Russia temporarily suspends the supply of natural gas to Ukraine
					Jan 9	China acquires a right to develop oilfield in Nigeria
					Jan 10	Iran begins an uranium enrichment experiment

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2006	Jan 10	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga visits United Kingdom, Russia and the United States (until January 19)	Feb 4	Japan-North Korea negotiations concerning abduction question, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile problems are held (until Feb 6)	Jan 17	North Korea's General Secretary Kim Jong Il visits China and has a meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao
	Jan 20	Order for the 9th SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities to take over from the 8th contingent	Mar 6	At the Japan-China intergovernmental conference, China makes a proposal of joint development of gas field in East China Sea (until Mar 7)	Jan 20	The result of the election of the Iraqi National Assembly is announced. The Shiite ruling bloc becomes the leading party.
	Jan 23	The "New Special Measures Agreement on Cost Sharing for the Stationing of USFJ" is signed (Effective on April 1, 2006)	Mar 11	Iwakuni City holds a local referendum concerning the relocation of U.S. carrier-based aircraft in connection with the force posture realignment of USFJ	Jan 25	In the election of the Palestine National Council, Hamas as the Islamic Resistance Movement obtains the majority of seats
	Jan 30	Senior officials of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency were arrested on charges of interruption of bidding procedures	Mar 31	The Cabinet approves the Prefectural Civil Protection Plans prepared by 24 prefectures. 47 prefectures establish their own Prefectural Civil Protection Plans.	Jan 26	The United States, Russia, the United Nations and EU urge Hamas to disarm
	Jan 31	A compulsory search is made against the Defense Facilities Administration Agency	Apr 7	The Mayor of Nago City agrees to the proposed relocation of US Marine Corps Futenma Air Station to the site off Henoko	Feb 3	In almost all of Arab states, protest demonstrations against those caricatures making fun of Muhammad, the Islamic Prophet, that appeared in European newspapers take place
	Feb 13	The 21st air transport unit dispatched to Golan Heights takes over from the 20th unit	May 11	The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture Inamine and Minister of State for Defense Nukaga sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ	Feb 3	The United States issues the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)
	Feb 28	MSDF and Japan Coast Guard conduct joint training in responding to a suspicious vessel (off Maizuru)	May 30	The Cabinet approves the "Government's Actions to Be Taken in Connection with the Force Posture Realignment of USFJ, etc."	Feb 4	Iran refuses to cooperate with an inspection by IAEA. The emergency board of governors' meeting of IAEA adopts a resolution to report the Iran's nuclear program to the United Nations Security Council. A rally asking for the resignation of Thai Prime Minister Thaksin is held.
	Mar 8	Japan and the United States successfully conduct a joint performance test of the sea-based interceptor missile (SM3) off Hawaii	Jun 20	The Government makes a decision to discontinue the activities of the GSDF contingent dispatched to Iraq. ASDF units continue to support the United Nations and the multinational forces.	Feb 13	Iran gives IAEA a notice of having resumed uranium enrichment experiment
	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.	Jun 29	Japan-U.S. summit meeting/a joint note titled the "Japan-US Alliance of the New Century" is publicized	Feb 17	Large-scale landslide takes place in Leute island, Philippines
	Apr 1	Partial amendment (reform of pay structure) of the Law concerning Allowances, etc. of Defense Agency Personnel is enacted			Feb 19	Mr. Haniya is nominated as Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority
					Feb 22	A Shiite temple named "Golden Dome" located at Samara in Iraq is blasted
					Feb 24	Philippine President Arroyo declares a state of emergency to suppress antigovernment activities (The state of emergency is withdrawn on March 3)
					Mar 1	President Bush visits Afghanistan and meets with President Karzai
					Mar 2	President Bush meets with Indian Prime Minister Singh (in New Delhi)

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2006	Apr 23	Japan-U.S. defense ministers meeting (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, in Washington)/Japan and the United States agree to the sharing of expenses of relocation of U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa to Guam as part of realignment of USFJ			Mar 4	President Bush meets with Pakistani President Musharraf (in Islamabad). China announces that its defense expenses in 2006 increases by 14.7% over the previous year and stands at about ¥4.1 trillion.
					Mar 16	The United States announces the National Security Strategy
	Apr 28	Order for the 10th SDF contingent for the Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities to take over from the 9th contingent			Mar 18	Demonstrations protesting the government's employment promotion measures take place in France
	May 1	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2" /Washington) announces the "Japan-U.S. Roadmap for Realignment Implementation"			Mar 21	China-Russia summit meeting (in Beijing)
	May 3	Japan-U.S. defense ministers meeting (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, in Washington)			Mar 29	The chairman of the UN Security Council announces a statement asking Iran to "suspend uranium enrichment experiment within thirty days"
	May 25	Japan-India defense ministers meeting (Minister of State for Defense Nukaga and Minister for Defense Mukerjee, in Tokyo)/Two countries sign a joint statement			Mar 31	The new Hamas cabinet is formed in the Palestinian Authority
	May 29	A P-3C patrol aircraft makes a first flight to Australia			Apr 4	Thai Prime Minister Thaksin express his intention to resign
	Jun 1	Dispatch of SDF units to Indonesia to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the earthquake that occurred in central Java. (All units returned home by June 22)			Apr 11	Iran announces that it has succeeded in manufacturing low-enriched uranium (3.5%)
	Jun 2	Minister of State for Defense Nukaga attends the 5th Asia Security Conference (sponsored by IISS, in Singapore) (until June 4)			Apr 20	U.S.-China summit meeting (in Washington)
					Apr 21	North Korea-South Korea ministerial-level meeting (in Pyongyang, until April 24)
					Apr 25	In succession to last year, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun announces a speech the relationship between Japan and South Korea
					Apr 28	The Director-General of IAEA reports Iran's response to the UN Security Council
					May 5	In the Darfur conflict, the government and a faction of the antigovernment forces reach a peace agreement
					May 9	The first ASEAN defense ministers meeting
					May 15	The United States removes Libya from the list of terrorist-supporting states
					May 20	New Iraqi government is formed
					May 23	U.S.-Israel summit meeting (in Washington)
					May 27	Large-scale earthquake takes place in the middle part of Java, Indonesia
					Jun 8	The Iraqi government announces that Zarqawi was killed

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2006	Jun 9	A "Bill to Amend Part of the Defense Agency Establishment Law" (raising the status of the Defense Agency to a ministry, change of international peace cooperation activities to a primary mission, etc.) is approved by the Cabinet, and submitted to the Diet			Jun 13	President Bush visits Iraq and meets with Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki (in Baghdad)
					Jun 15	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit meeting
	Jun 20	The 10th SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities is ordered to discontinue response measures			Jun 19	Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki announces that the authority to maintain public order in the province of Muthannna is transferred from the multilateral forces to Iraq
	Jul 5	North Korea launches seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan				