

## 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 Start of First Indochina War
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 Cominform 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 Oct. 7 Dec. 7	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 declares possession of atomic bomb People's Republic of China established German Democratic Republic established (East Germany) Chinese Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan
1950	Jul. 8 Aug. 10 Aug. 13 Aug. 14	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 National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police Reserve begins Masuhara appointed first Director-General of the National Police Reserve	Jun. 21 Nov. 24	John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of State, visits Japan U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan	Jan. 27 Feb. 14 Jun. 25 Jul. 7 Sep. 15 Oct. 25 Dec. 18	U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries China-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance signed Korean War (ends July 27, 1953) United Nations Force formed for dispatch to Korea U.N. troops land at Inchon, ROK Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War NATO Defense Commission agrees on establishment of NATO Forces

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1950	Sep. 7	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima				
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. ANZUS Treaty signed
	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
		Prime Minister Yoshida concurrently appointed Director-General of the National Safety Agency				
	Oct. 15	Coastal Safety Force inaugurated				
	Oct. 30	National Safety Force inaugurated				
		Kimura appointed Director-General of the National Safety Agency				
1953	Jan. 1	Security Advisory Group in Japan inaugurated	Aug. 1	Weapons Production Law promulgated	Mar. 5	Death of USSR General Secretary Stalin
	Apr. 1	National Safety Academy (predecessor of National Defense Academy) established	Dec. 25	Japanese administrative rule over Amami Islands restored	Jul. 27	Korean War Truce signed
	Oct. 30	Ikeda-Robertson talks; joint statement issued on gradual increase in self-defense strength			Aug. 12	USSR carries out its first hydrogen bomb test
					Oct. 1	U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty signed
1954	Mar. 8	Mutual Defense Assistance (MDA) agreement signed	Mar. 1	Daigo Fukuryu maru (Lucky Dragon V) incident	Mar. 1	U.S. carries out hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll
	May 14	Japan-U.S. Lease Agreement on naval vessels signed	Dec. 10	Hatoyama Cabinet formed	Jul. 21	Geneva Agreement on armistice in Indochina signed
	Jun. 2	House of Councillors passes resolution prohibiting dispatch of troops overseas			Sep. 8	South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed by signing of collective defense pact
	Jun. 9	Promulgation of Defense Agency Establishment Law, Self-Defense Forces Law and Protection of National Secrecy Law pertaining to the MDA			Dec. 2	U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty signed
	Jul. 1	Defense Agency established; Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces inaugurated				
	Dec. 10	Omura appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1955	Mar. 19	Sugihara appointed Minister of State for Defense	May 8	Protests at Sunagawa Base	Apr. 18	Africa-Asia conference held at Bandung, Indonesia
	May 6	Live shell fire by U.S. forces at Kita Fuji Maneuver Area; opposition to firing intensifies	Aug. 6	First World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held at Hiroshima	May 5	West Germany formally becomes a member of NATO
	Jul. 31	Sunada appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 31	Shigemitsu-Dulles meeting; joint statement issued on revision of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	May 14	Warsaw Pact signed
	Nov. 22	Funada appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 14	Japan-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement signed		
			Dec. 19	Atomic Energy Basic Law promulgated		

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1956	Jan. 30	Japan-U.S. joint statement on reduction of Japan's share of defense spending	Feb. 9	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bomb tests (House of Councillors, February 10)	Feb. 14	Stalin criticized at the 20th Congress of Soviet Communist Party in Moscow; Khrushchev proclaims policy of peaceful co-existence with the West
	Mar. 22	Japan-U.S. Technical Agreement relating to sharing of knowledge on patents and technology signed in accordance with MDA	Oct. 19	Joint declaration on restoration of Japanese- Soviet relations	Apr. 17	USSR announces dissolution of Cominform
	Mar. 23	Defense Agency moved to Kasumiga-seki	Dec. 18	Japan joins the U.N.	Jul. 26	Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal
	Jul. 2	National Defense Council Composition Law promulgated	Dec. 23	Ishibashi Cabinet formed	Oct. 23	Hungarian Revolution
	Sep. 20	First domestically-produced F-86F fighter delivered			Oct. 29	Second Middle East War (Suez War) (through November 6)
	Dec. 23	Prime Minister Ishibashi concurrently becomes Minister of State for Defense				
1957	Jan. 31	Acting Prime Minister Kishi concurrently becomes, ad interim, Minister of State for Defense	Feb. 25	Kishi Cabinet formed	May 15	U.K. conducts its first hydrogen bomb test
	Feb. 2	Kotaki appointed Minister of State for Defense	Mar. 15	House of Councillors passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs	Aug. 23	Chinese People's Liberation Army opens fire on Kinmen Island
	May 20	Basic Guidelines for National Defense adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet	Aug. 6	Japan-U.S. Security Council inaugurated	Aug. 26	USSR announces successful ICBM test
	Jun. 14	First Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and approved by Cabinet			Oct. 4	USSR launches the world's first man-made satellite, Sputnik 1
	Jun. 21	Kishi-Eisenhower talks; joint statement on the early withdrawal of the USFJ issued			Nov. 23	World Congress of Communist Parties issues the Moscow Declaration
	Jul. 10	Tsushima appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1958	Jan. 14	First ocean training exercises (Hawaii, through February 28)	Apr. 18	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs	Oct. 23	Dulles talks with Chiang Kaishek; joint statement issued denying counteroffensive against mainland China
	Feb. 17	ASDF begins measures to counter invasions of territorial airspace	Sep. 11	Fujiyama-Dulles talks (Washington); agreement on revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Dec. 17	U.S. test-launches Atlas ICBM
	Jun. 12	Sato appointed Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 4	Japan- U.S. talks commence on the revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty		
1959	Jan. 12	Ino appointed Minister of State for Defense	Mar. 30	Tokyo District Court ruled the stationing of U.S. forces to be unconstitutional in the Sunagawa case	Mar. 31	14th Dalai Lama exiled to India
	Jun. 18	Akagi appointed Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 16	Original ruling in the Sunagawa case reversed by the Supreme Court	Aug. 25	China-India border dispute
					Sep. 18	Soviet Premier Khrushchev proposes total and complete disarmament at U.N.
1960	Jan. 11	Defense Agency moved to Hinoki-cho	Jan. 19	New Japan-U.S. Security Treaty signed (enters into force June 23)	Feb. 13	France conducts its first nuclear test
	Jul. 19	Esaki appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jul. 19	Ikeda Cabinet formed	May 1	U-2 reconnaissance plane belonging to U.S. shot down in Soviet airspace
	Dec. 8	Nishimura appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jul. 20	U.S. conducts successful underwater launch of Polaris SLBM
1961					Dec. 20	South Viet Nam National Liberation Front formed
	Jan. 13	National Defense Council decision to reorganize GSDF units (into 13 divisions) presented to Cabinet January 20			May 16	Military junta seizes power in coup d'état in ROK
					Jul. 6	Soviet-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed

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1961	Jul. 18	Fujieda appointed Minister of State for Defense Second Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet			Jul. 11 Aug. 13	China-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed Berlin Wall built
1962	Jul. 18 Nov. 1 Nov. 9	Shiga appointed Minister of State for Defense Defense Facilities Administration Agency established Shiga visits U.S. for first time as Minister of State for Defense (through November 26)			Oct. 20 Oct. 24 Oct. 28	China-India border dispute (through November 22) U.S. Navy imposes sea blockade of Cuba (through November 20) USSR Premier Khrushchev declares dismantling of missile bases in Cuba
1963	Jul. 18	Fukuda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 14	Japan joins Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty	Jun. 20 Aug. 14	Agreement signed for U.S.-Soviet hotline U.S.-USSR-U.K.Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed (enters into force on Oct. 10)
1964	Jul. 18	Koizumi appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jun. 15 Nov. 9 Nov. 12	Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty enters into force for Japan Sato Cabinet formed U.S. nuclear submarine (Sea Dragon) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time	Aug. 2 Oct. 16	Gulf of Tonkin incident China successfully carries out its first nuclear test
1965	Feb. 10 Jun. 3 Nov. 20	Diet debate on Mitsuya study Matsuno appointed Minister of State for Defense Icebreaker <i>Fuji</i> leaves on first mission to assist Antarctic observation (through April 8, 1966)	Jun. 22	Japan-ROK Basic Treaty signed	Feb. 7 Sep. 1	U.S. starts bombing Viet Nam Second India-Pakistan conflict (through September 22)
1966	Aug. 1 Nov. 29 Dec. 3	Kambayashiyama appointed Minister of State for Defense Outline of Third Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet Masuda appointed Minister of State for Defense			May 16 Jul. 1 Oct. 27	Cultural Revolution starts in China France pulls out of NATO's military command China carries out its first successful nuclear missile test
1967	Mar. 13	Key matters for inclusion in Third Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council, adopted by Cabinet on March 14	Mar. 29	Sapporo District Court rules in Eniwa Case	Jun. 5 Jun. 17 Jul. 1 Aug. 8	Third Middle East War (through June 9) China carries out its first successful hydrogen bomb test European Community (EC) formed Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) formed
1968	Nov. 30	Arita appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 19 Jun. 26	U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier ( <i>Enterprise</i> ) 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 <i>Pueblo</i> 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	Decision to produce 104 F-4E aircraft domestically adopted by National Defense Council and 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



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1970	Jan. 14	Nakasone appointed Minister of State for Defense	Feb. 3	Japan signs Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty	Jan. 24	Integrated Warsaw Pact forces formed (involving seven countries)
	Oct. 20	First white paper on defense, "The Defense of Japan" published	Feb. 11	First domestically produced artificial satellite successfully launched	Mar. 5	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force
			Mar. 31	Yodo hijacking	Aug. 12	West Germany-USSR non-aggression pact signed
			Jun. 23	Automatic extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty		
			Nov. 25	Yukio Mishima commits suicide by ritual disembowelment at the GSDF Eastern Army Headquarters in Ichigaya		
1971	Jun. 29	Okinawa Defense Agreement (Kubo-Curtis Agreement) signed	Jun. 17	Agreement on the Return of Okinawa signed	Feb. 11	SEABED Treaty signed
	Jul. 5	Masuhara appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 24	House of Representatives resolution on non-nuclear weapons	Sep. 30	U.S.-USSR agreement on measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war signed
	Jul. 30	All Nippon Airways plane collides with SDF aircraft (Shizukuishi)			Oct. 25	U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution to admit China and expel Taiwan
	Aug. 2	Nishimura appointed Minister of State for Defense			Dec. 3	Third India-Pakistan conflict (through December 17)
	Dec. 3	Ezaki appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1972	Feb. 7	Outline of 4th Five-Year Defense Build-up Plan adopted by National Defense Council, approved by Cabinet on February 8	Jan. 7	Sato-Nixon joint statement on the agreement of the return of Okinawa and the reduction of bases	Feb. 28	President Nixon visits China; China-U.S. Joint Communiqué
	Apr. 17	Decision to deploy SDF in Okinawa adopted by National Defense Council, presented to Cabinet on April 18	Apr. 10	Japan signs Biological Weapons Convention (BWC)	Apr. 10	BWC signed
	Jul. 7	Masuhara appointed Minister of State for Defense	May 15	Return of Okinawa	May 26	SALT-I and agreement to limit ABM signed on the visit of President Nixon to USSR
	Oct. 9	Decision on Key matters for inclusion in Fourth Defense Build-up Plan and measures to enhance civilian control adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet	Jul. 7	Tanaka Cabinet formed	Jul. 3	India-Pakistan truce signed
			Sep. 29	Prime Minister Tanaka visits China; normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China	Dec. 21	East-West Germany Basic Treaty signed
1973	Jan. 23	14th Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting agrees on consolidation of U.S. bases in Japan (Kanto Program)	Sep. 7	Sapporo District Court rules SDF unconstitutional (Naganuma Judgment)	Jan. 27	Viet Nam peace agreement signed (ceasefire takes effect on January 28)
	Feb. 1	Defense Agency publishes Peacetime Defense Strength	Sep. 21	Japan-North Viet Nam establish diplomatic relations	Mar. 29	U.S. forces complete withdrawal from Viet Nam
	May 30	Yamanaka appointed Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 8	Japan-Soviet Summit Meeting (Moscow)	Jun. 22	General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union visits U.S., convention on the prevention of nuclear war signed
	Jul. 1	SDF air defense mission on Okinawa starts			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, TTBT signed
	Dec. 9	Sakata appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1975	Aug. 29	Japan-U.S. defense summit meeting (Sakata-Schlesinger, Tokyo)			Mar. 26	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

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1976	Jun. 4	Second white paper on defense, "The Defense of Japan" published (henceforth published annually)	Jun. 8	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force for Japan	Jul. 2	Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (unified Viet Nam) proclaimed
	Jul. 8	Sub-Committee for Defense Cooperation established	Dec. 24	Fukuda Cabinet formed	Aug. 18	U.S. military officers slain at Panmunjom
	Sep. 6	MiG-25 forced to land at Hakodate Airport			Sep. 9	Death of Chairman of Chinese Communist Party Mao Zedong
	Oct. 29	National Defense Program Outline adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet				
	Nov. 5	Immediate-term Defense Build-up Program adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet				
	Dec. 24	Mihara appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1977	Apr. 15	Systematic defense programs established	Jul. 1	Two maritime laws implemented, proclaiming a 200-mile fishing zone and 12-mile territorial waters	Jun. 30	South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) dissolved (Treaty remains effective)
	Aug. 10	Defense Agency starts Emergency Legislation Study			Aug. 1	North Korea establishes military demarcation lines in Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea
	Nov. 28	Kanemaru appointed Minister of State for Defense				
	Dec. 28	Introduction of F-15s and P-3Cs adopted by National Defense Council, approved by Cabinet on December 29				
1978	Sep. 21	Defense Agency announces modality and purpose of emergency legislation study	Aug. 12	Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People's Republic of China signed in Beijing	Sep. 7	Camp David Agreement
	Nov. 27	(ASDF) First Japan-U.S. joint training exercises (east of Misawa and west of Akita, through December 1)	Dec. 7	Ohira Cabinet formed	Dec. 25	Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia
		Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee approves Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Cooperation, presented to and approved by Cabinet following deliberation by the National Defense Council on November 28				
	Dec. 7	Yamashita appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1979	Jan. 11	Introduction of E-2C adopted by National Defense Council and Cabinet	Nov. 9	Second Ohira Cabinet formed	Jan. 1	U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty ended U.S. and China normalize diplomatic relations
	Jul. 17	Mid-Term Defense Estimate (FY 1980-FY 1984) announced			Jan. 7	Fall of Phnom Penh, establishment of Heng Samrin regime announced
	Jul. 25	Minister of State for Defense Yamashita makes first visit to ROK as an incumbent Minister (through July 26)			Feb. 1	Islamic Revolution takes place in Iran
	Nov. 9	Kubota appointed Minister of State for Defense			Feb. 17	China-Viet Nam conflict (through March 5)
					Mar. 26	Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed
					Jun. 18	SALT-II signed
					Oct. 26	ROK President Park Chung Hee assassinated
					Dec. 27	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
	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

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1981	Oct. 1	(GSDF) First Japan-U.S. joint exercises (in communications) staged at Higashi Fuji Maneuver Area (through October 3)				
	Nov. 30	Ito appointed Minister of State for Defense				
1982	Feb. 15	(GSDF) First Japan-U.S. combined command post exercises 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), Protocol I, II and III concluded	Jun. 6	Israeli forces invade Lebanon
	Jul. 23	1981 Mid-Term Defense Estimate presented to and approved by National Defense Council	Sep. 9	Supreme Court ruled on Naganuma Nike Missile Base Case	Jun. 29	Strategic Arms Reduction Talks start (START-I) U.S.-Soviet Union (Geneva)
	Nov. 27	Tanigawa appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 27	Nakasone Cabinet formed	Oct. 16	China conducts successful underwater launch of an SLBM
1983	Jan. 14	Government decides to pave the way for the transfer of military technologies to the U.S.	Dec. 2	CCW, Protocol 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 exercises 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 exercises 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				
1985	Sep. 18	Mid-Term Defense Program adopted 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 re-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 exercises (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 suspension 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 (through October 31)				
	Dec. 30	Plans for dealing with the Immediate-term Defense Build-up Program adopted by the Cabinet on November 5, 1976 and included in the FY 1987 budget adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet				

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1987	Jan. 24	Program for the future build-up of defense capacity adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet	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	Aug. 26	Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams enacted		
	Dec. 18	Study on the state of air defense on the high seas approved by Security Council of Japan	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
	Apr. 12	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 signed	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 Meeting (Moscow, through June 1, instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged)
	Jul. 23	Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka)	Dec. 27	Second Takeshita Cabinet formed	Aug. 17	U.S. and Soviet Union carry out first joint verification of an underground nuclear test (Nevada)
	Aug. 24	Tazawa appointed Minister of State for Defense			Aug. 20	Iran-Iraq ceasefire agreed
	Nov. 29	Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint development			Dec. 7	General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet troops
1989	Jan. 27	Establishment of a commission for the study of defense capability	Jan. 7	Death of Emperor Showa	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	Aug. 30	Government decides to donate U.S.\$1 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region	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	Sep. 14	Government pledges an additional U.S.\$1 billion of economic aid toward efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region plus U.S.\$2 billion to countries adjacent to the conflict	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	Oct. 16	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet	Oct. 3	German unification
	Dec. 20	Mid-Term Defense Program (FY 1991-FY 1995) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet	Nov. 10	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations annulled	Nov. 19	CFE Treaty, 22-Nation Joint Declaration and Paris Charter signed
	Dec. 29	Ikeda appointed Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 12	Coronation of Emperor		CSBM Vienna document approved
1991	Jan. 14	New Special Measures Agreement concerning cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 17)	Jan. 17	Establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters adopted by Cabinet	Jan. 17	Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq (Operation Desert Storm)

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1991	Jan. 25	Ordinance on interim measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees approved by Cabinet (promulgated and enacted on January 29)	Jan. 24	Government pledges an additional U.S.\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region	Feb. 24	Coalition forces ground troops advance on Kuwait and Iraq
	Apr. 26	Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf	Nov. 5	Miyazawa Cabinet formed	Feb. 28	Coalition forces cease combat action against Iraq
	Jun. 3	Disaster relief dispatch after the eruption of Fugendake on Mount Unzen (through December 16, 1995)			Mar. 31	Warsaw Pact structures dismantled
	Oct. 9	SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time			Jun. 25	Croatian and Slovenian Republics secede from Yugoslavia
	Nov. 5	Miyashita appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jul. 10	Russian President Yeltsin takes office
					Jul. 31	U.S.-Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow
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	Modification of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY 1991–FY 1995) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			Jun. 16	Massive cuts in strategic arms agreed at U.S.-Russia Summit Meeting in Washington (through June 17)
					Jul. 2	U.S. President Bush announces completion of withdrawal of U.S. ground-or sea-based tactical nuclear weapons deployed overseas
					Aug. 24	China-ROK establish diplomatic relations
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 Meeting (Moscow); START-II signed
	Jul. 12	Disaster relief teams dispatched to Hokkaido in response to the earthquake off southwestern Hokkaido (through August 12)	Jun. 9	Wedding ceremony of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince	Jan. 13	CWC signed
	Aug. 9	Nakanishi appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 9	Hosokawa Cabinet formed	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
1994	Mar. 1	First Japan-China security dialogue (Beijing)	Apr. 28	Hata Cabinet formed	Jan. 11	NATO Summit Meeting 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				

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1994	Sep. 17	SDF units dispatched to Zaire to assist Rwandan refugees (through December 28)			Mar. 25	U.S. forces dispatched to Somalia complete their withdrawal
	Nov. 9	First Japan-ROK working-level defense policy dialogue (Seoul)			Mar. 31	U.N. Security Council adopts Presidential Statement to urge North Korea to complete nuclear inspections (North Korea refuses April 4) 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., holding presidency of the IAEA Charter, of its withdrawal from the IAEA
					Jun. 17	Former U.S. President Carter visits North Korea and holds a meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung
					Jul. 8	Death of North Korean President Kim Il Sung
					Jul. 25	First ASEAN Regional Forum (Bangkok)
					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 renamed OSCE
	Mar. 20	SDF personnel dispatched teams to carry out rescue operations in the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system (through March 23)	Nov. 17	Establishment of consultation forum to discuss issues relating to U.S. bases in Okinawa adopted by Cabinet	Feb. 27	U.S. Department of Defense publishes EASR
	Jun. 5	Japan - 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 establishment of 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 Tenghu 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	Bosnian Peace Agreement formally signed in Paris
	Nov. 28	National Defense Program Outline for the period from FY 1996 adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			Dec. 15	10 Southeast Asian nations sign the South East Asia Non-Nuclear Zone Treaty at ASEAN Summit Meeting
	Dec. 14	Mid-Term Defense Program (FY 1996-FY 2000) (adopted by Cabinet on December 15) adopted by Security Council of Japan			Dec. 20	IFOR, consisting mainly of NATO troops, replaces UNPROFOR and formally commences operations in Bosnia
1996	Jan. 11	Usui appointed Minister of State for Defense	Jan. 11	Hashimoto Cabinet formed	Jan. 26	U.S. Senate ratifies START-II
	Jan. 31	SDF units dispatched to U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) (ongoing)			Jan. 27	France carries out nuclear tests (completion of which announced January 29)

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1996	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. 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)	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. 15	Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement and its procedural arrangements signed	Apr. 15	SACO Interim Report approved by Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee	Mar. 23	Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections, Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui re-elected
	Apr. 17	Japan-U.S. Joint Declaration on Security issued	Apr. 16	Promotion of solutions to issues relating to facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Okinawa Prefecture adopted by Cabinet	Jul. 29	China conducts 45th underground nuclear test, then announces moratorium on nuclear testing
	Jul. 26	First visit to Russia by MSDF ships (Vladivostok, through July 30)	Jul. 20	U.N. Treaty on the Law of the Seas enters into effect in Japan	Sep. 10	U.N. General Assembly adopts the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
	Sep. 2	First visit by MSDF ships to ROK (Busan, through September 6)	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. 18	North Korean minisubmarine runs 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)	Sep. 17	Establishment of the Okinawa Policy Council adopted by Cabinet	Sep. 27	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	Oct. 3	Russia-Chechnya ceasefire agreed
	Nov. 7	Kyuma appointed Minister of State of Defense			Nov. 5	Clinton reelected U.S. President
	Dec. 24	Responses to foreign submarines traveling underwater in Japanese territorial waters adopted by Security Council and Cabinet			Nov. 18	Basic NATO agreement to keep a multinational stabilization force (SFOR) to succeed IFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina
1997	Jan. 20	Defense Intelligence Headquarters established	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
	Jun. 9	SDF personnel (Director General of the Inspection Bureau) dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (through June, 2002)	Nov. 5	Plans for the construction of a sea-based heliport presented to the local authority and residents	May 12	Russia-Chechnya peace treaty signed
		C-130H aircraft transferred to Utahpao, Thailand for action against armed fighting in Cambodia (through July 16)	Dec. 3	Japan signs Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty	Jul. 1	Hong Kong reverts to China
	Sep. 23	Guidelines for new Japan-U.S. defense cooperation approved by Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY 1996–FY 2000) approved by the Security Council of Japan and the Cabinet	Dec. 25	Nago City mayor formally announces the acceptance of the sea-based heliport	Jul. 16	North Korean soldiers cross the military demarcation line (MDL) and exchange fire with ROK troops
	Dec. 19				Jul. 18	NATO and Russia establish a permanent joint council
					Jul. 23	Modification of the framework of the CFE Treaty agreed
					Aug. 19	KEDO holds a ceremony to mark the start of work on the light-water reactors to be provided to North Korea
					Oct. 8	North Korean Labor Party Secretary Kim Jong Il assumes the post of General Secretary
					Nov. 10	China-Russia Summit Meeting: China-Russian joint statement signed (Beijing), and demarcation of the China-Russian eastern border declared
					Dec. 3	Ceremony to sign Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty
1998	Mar. 26	System of SDF ready reserve personnel introduced	Feb. 6	Governor of Okinawa refuses to accept the seabased heliport	Feb. 23	U.N. and Iraq sign a memorandum of understanding on agreement by Iraq to allow inspectors immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access
	Apr. 28	Agreement to revise the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement signed	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 enters 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)
					Jun. 11	Government of Pakistan announces unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests



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1998	Jul. 29	Combined search and rescue operation exercises between MSDF/ASDF and Russian Navy—the first large-scale combined exercises between Japan and Russia	Oct. 21	Japan lifts freeze on cooperation with North Korea and signs KEDO	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. 3	CCW amended Protocol II enters into force in Japan	Jul. 12	Bodies of armed North Korean special forces found in waters off ROK east coast
	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	Dec. 22	Introduction of information-gathering satellite adopted by Cabinet	Jul. 27	China publishes its first comprehensive defense white paper, "Defense of China"
	Nov. 14	SDF units dispatched to Honduras with Japan Disaster Relief Team (through December 9)		Aha Training Area returned (the first resolved issue of SACO)	Aug. 20	U.S. military attacks terrorist facilities in Afghanistan and Sudan
	Nov. 15	First joint exercises involving all three branches (a total of 2,400 personnel from the GSDF, MSDF and ASDF) (Iwo Jima)			Aug. 31	North Korea launches missile over Japan.
	Nov. 19	Basic Policy of Defense Procurement Reform announced			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
	Nov. 20	Norota appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct. 23	Israel and the Palestinian Authority sign Wye River Memorandum
	Dec. 25	Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies approved by Security Council of Japan			Dec. 17	U.S.- U.K. forces Operation Desert Fox against Iraq as a punishment for refusal to cooperate with UNSCOM inspections (through December 20)
					Dec. 18	North Korean semisubmersible infiltrates ROK southern coastal waters, attacked and sunk by ROK Navy
1999	Mar. 23	Spy ship off the Noto Peninsula discovered (Maritime security operations ordered on March 24)	Mar. 1	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty enters into force in Japan	Mar. 1	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty enters into force
	Apr. 2	Concrete Measures of Procurement Reform announced	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 enters into force	Oct. 12	Former Director of Central Procurement Office and others found guilty of malpractice, etc. (Tokyo district court)	May 7	NATO forces mistakenly bomb Embassy of China in Yugoslavia
	Aug. 5	First Joint Exercises of Search and Rescue Operations between MSDF and ROK Navy (Kyushu western waters)	Nov. 22	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture declares the proposed site for the relocation of Futenma Air Station	May 20	U.S. inspection team enters North Korean nuclear facility at Kumchang-ni
	Aug. 16	Official documents exchanged and Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Governments of Japan and the U.S. on Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD)	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. 4	Government of the Yugoslav Federation accepts Kosovo conflict peace plan submitted by U.S., EU and Russia
	Aug. 25	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan enters into force	Dec. 27	Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture announces the acceptance of alternative facilities for Futenma Air Station	Jun. 10	U.N. Security Council adopts peace resolution which includes deployment of an international security force (KFOR), including operations in Kosovo
	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	Government Policy for the Relocation of Air Futenma Station adopted by Cabinet	Jul. 9	Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui describes China-Taiwan relations as a "special state-to-state relationship"
	Sep. 25	Agreement to amend the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement between Japan and the United States enters into force			Sep. 29	Russian military unit advances into the Republic Of Chechnya
	Oct. 5	Tsutomu Kawara appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct. 12	Coup in Pakistan; Prime Minister Sharif overthrown
	Nov. 22	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for Timor Leste Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000)			Oct. 13	U.S. Senate rejects ratification of CTBT
					Oct. 25	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution for the establishment of the U.N. Transitional Administration in Timor Leste (UNTAET)
					Dec. 17	U.N. Security Council establishes UNMOVIC
					Dec. 20	Rule over Macao transferred from Portugal to China
					Dec. 31	Russian President Yeltsin resigns



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1999	Dec. 17	Investigation of Functions Related to In-flight Refueling approved by Security Council of Japan				
2000	Jan. 17	Disposal of anti-personnel mines begins	Feb. 16	First assembly of the Research Commissions on the Constitution in the Upper House (Lower House, February 17)	Jan. 4	Italy establishes diplomatic relations with North Korea (first of the G7 to do so)
	Mar. 29	Disaster relief dispatch after the eruption of Mount Usu begins (through July 24)	Apr. 5	Mori Cabinet formed	Feb. 6	Acting Russian President Putin declares the conclusion of operations to capture cities in the Chechen Republic
	May 8	Defense Agency moves to Ichigaya building	Jul. 21	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit Meeting (through July 23)	Mar. 18	Presidential elections conducted in Taiwan; Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party elected
	Jun. 16	The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force	Aug. 25	Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established	Apr. 14	Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II (START-II)
	Jun. 27	Disaster relief dispatch conducted after the eruption of Mount Miyake (through October 3, 2001)	Nov. 20	22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF	May 7	Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes duties as President
	Jul. 4	Torashima appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jun. 13	North-South Korean Summit Meeting (through June 15, Pyongyang)
	Sep. 8	MSDF official arrested for leaking secret documents to military attaché of Embassy of Russia			Jul. 21	U.S.-Russia Summit Meeting, Cooperation on Strategic Stability announced
	Sep. 11	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective April 1, 2001)			Aug. 12	Russian nuclear-powered submarine <i>Kursk</i> sinks
	Sep. 13	SDF personnel dispatched to China for the excavation and recovery of abandoned chemical weapons for the first time			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 - North Korea Defense Ministers' Meeting (through September 26)
	Dec. 5	Saito appointed Minister of State for Defense			Oct. 12	U.S. and North Korea announce U.S.-North Korea Joint Communiqué In Yemen, terrorist attacks on U.S. Navy destroyer USS Cole
	Dec. 15	Mid-Term Defense Program (FY 2001-FY 2005) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			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	Collision of <i>Ehime Maru</i> and U.S. submarine	Jan. 20	George W. Bush becomes U.S. president
	Feb. 9	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC (through March, 2005)	Mar. 7	Former Maritime Self-Defense Official is given a jail sentence for providing confidential documents to an officer of the Russian Embassy	Mar. 7	Gloria Macapagal Arroyo becomes president of the Philippines
	Mar. 1	The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect	Apr. 1	Information Disclosure Act (IDA) enters into force	Apr. 1	Sharon administration inaugurated in Israel
	Apr. 26	Nakatani appointed Minister of State for Defense	Apr. 26	Koizumi Cabinet formed	Jun. 15	Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes
	Sep. 21	Committee to Consider the Modality of National Defense founded	Jun. 28	Defense Ministry Bill presented to the House of Representatives by Diet members	Jul. 15	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) established
	Oct. 6	International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan refugees (through October 12)	Aug. 13	Prime Minister Koizumi visits Yasukuni Shrine	Jul. 15	Pakistani President Musharraf visits India
	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)	Sep. 19	Prime Minister Koizumi announces immediate measures in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S.	Sep. 11	Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur
	Nov. 9	SDF vessel dispatched to the Indian Ocean for information-gathering	Oct. 8	Government of Japan establishes the Emergency Anti-Terrorism Headquarters and decides upon Emergency Response Measures at the First Meeting	Sep. 12	U.N. Security Council passes resolution condemning the terrorist attacks in the U.S.
					Sep. 14	Australia decides to invoke the right of collective self-defense under the ANZUS Treaty
					Oct. 1	U.S. announces Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)

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2001	Nov. 25	An MSDF supply vessel, Minesweeper tender, and destroyers depart for cooperation and support activities based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law,	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 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S., NATO invokes Article 5 (on collective self-defense) of the North Atlantic Treaty
	Nov. 29	ASDF begins aerial transportation Between USFJ bases based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	Nov. 16	Basic plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law adopted by Cabinet	Oct. 7	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan
	Dec. 2	MSDF supply vessels begin replenishment operations in the Indian Ocean based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	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 Meeting, President George W. Bush announces policy to cut strategic nuclear warheads to between 1,700 and 2,200 over the next 10 years
		ASDF begins international Airlift based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law	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
	Dec. 14	A bill is introduced to partially amend the Law Concerning Cooperation for U.N. PKOs and Other Operations (the abolition of the freeze on Peacekeeping Force headquarter activities, etc.)			Dec. 3	U.S. successfully carries out missile defense tests
		Selection of In-flight Refueling Transportation Aircraft Type approved by Security Council of Japan			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 completes withdrawal of troops from its base in Cuba
2002	Mar. 2	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to Timor Leste (through June 25, 2004)	Feb. 15	Cabinet decision on international cooperation execution plan for Timor Leste	Jan. 8	U.S. Department of Defense submits the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) to Congress
	Mar. 27	Implementation of law to partially amend the Defense Agency Establishment Law and Self-Defense Forces Law (the Introduction of Candidates for Reserve Personnel introduction of Candidates for Reserve Personnel, etc.)	Apr. 12	Supreme Court rejected an appeal for the New Yokota Air Base Suit	Jan. 29	U.S. President Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address
			Apr. 16	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 adopted by Cabinet	May 4	Russian Armed Forces returns Cam Ranh Naval Base to Viet Nam
	Apr. 1	Labor Management Organization for USFJ Employees, Incorporated Administrative Agency established	May 31	FIFA World Cup 2002 Korea/Japan	May 20	Independence of Timor Leste
	Apr. 22	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercises (the first multilateral exercises organized by Japan, through May 2)	Jul. 29	Basic Plan of the Futenma Replacement Facility agreed	May 24	The United Nations Transitional Administration in Timor Leste (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in Timor Leste (UNMISSET)
	Jun. 11	Investigative report on incident concerning list of people requesting information disclosure released	Sep. 11	Suspicious ship raised from the sea floor (offshore Amami Oshima Island)	May 28	U.S.-Russia Treaty on Strategic Offensive Reductions signed
	Sep. 30	Ishiba appointed Minister of State for Defense	Sep. 17	Japan-North Korea Summit Meeting	Jun. 13	NATO- Russia Summit reaches formal agreement to establish NATO-Russia Council
	Oct. 1	One personnel dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (as Operation and Planning Director) (through June 2007)	Oct. 13	Kim Jong-Il, North Korean President, admits and apologizes for abductions	Jun. 29	U.S. officially withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty
	Oct. 15	Multilateral search and rescue exercises (Southern Kanto waters and Sagami Bay)	Oct. 15	First International Fleet Review in Japan (Tokyo Bay)	Jun. 29	Exchanges of fire Between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats that crossed the NLL
	Nov. 1	Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law, which strengthens penalties to ensure secrecy, is enforced		Five of those abducted return to Japan	Sep. 20	U.S. Government announces the National Security Strategy
	Nov. 18	SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercises in Hokkaido			Oct. 3	Assistant Secretary of State Kelly visits North Korea (through October 5)
					Oct. 12	Terrorist bombings in Bali
					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
					Oct. 23	Chechen guerillas seize the Dubrovka Theater in Moscow
					Nov. 14	KEDO Executive Board decides to freeze provision of heavy oil to North Korea from December

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2002	Dec. 2	One person dispatched to the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)			Nov. 21	NATO Summit Meeting decides new membership for seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe, announces the Prague Declaration, and agrees to establish its high-readiness unit
	Dec. 16	<i>Kirishima</i> , vessel equipped with Aegis air defense systems, departs the port of Yokosuka, based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law			Nov. 27	U.N. Inspection Team visits Baghdad to resume inspections after four years
	Dec. 19	Joint Staff Council (JSC) reports on Study of Joint Operations to Minister of State for Defense			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 WMD Development Program
					Dec. 12	North Korea announces it will resume operation and establishment of nuclear-related facilities
					Dec. 13	EU Summit Meeting decides new membership for 10 countries in Eastern Europe
					Dec. 17	U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system
2003	Feb. 8	Antipersonnel landmines disposed of (with some exceptions)	Jan. 28	Consultative Body on Construction of Futenma Replacement Facility concerning Futenma Air Station Replacement established	Jan. 10	North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)
	Mar.30	International peace cooperation activities conducted for relief of Iraqi refugees (Airborne unit for Iraqi refugee relief returns to Japan on April 2)	Jun. 6	Three Armed Attack Situation Response related laws passed at the Upper House plenary session and enacted	Feb. 25	Roh Moo-hyun is elected as 16th President of Republic of Korea
	Apr. 21	ASDF in-flight refueling training Meeting (through May 1)	Jul. 26	Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq passed the House of Councillors plenary session	Mar. 7	UNMOVIC and IAEA present an additional report on inspections in Iraq 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
	Jul. 17	International peace cooperation activities conducted for the relief of affected people in Iraq (Airborne unit for relief of affected people in Iraq returns to Japan August 18)	Sep. 30	New establishment of an award for people engaged in dangerous activities adopted by Cabinet	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.15	SDF special research group dispatched to Iraq	Oct. 24	Foreign Minister Kawaguchi announces US\$5 billion worth of assistance at the International Donors' Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in Spain	Mar. 20	U.S. and U.K. forces begin military operations in Iraq
	Dec.19	Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and Cabinet)	Nov. 27	Supreme Court rules on suit related to dispossession of Sobe Communication Site land	Apr. 30	U.S., Russia, U.N., and EU present Roadmap to Israeli-Palestinian peace, as a new peace process for Palestine
	Dec.26	ASDF advance team leaves for Kuwait	Nov. 29	Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq	May 1	U.S. President Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq
	Dec.30	Relief materials transported by air in response to great earthquake in Iran based on the Law concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams (Iran, January 1 and 2)	Dec. 9	Basic plan for Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq adopted by Cabinet	U.S. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld declares termination of major military operations in Afghanistan	
					May 22	U.N. Security Council Resolution adopted to allow member states to give assistance for reconstruction of Iraq
					May 31	Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) proposed by U.S. President for the first time
					Jun. 1	U.S.-Russia Summit Meeting, 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	SCO holds joint antiterrorism military maneuvers (through August 12)
					Aug. 19	Suicide bombing on U.N. headquarters in Baghdad

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2003					Aug. 27 Sep. 12	First Six-Party Talks (through August 29) First joint naval exercises 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. 23	Russia establishes air force base in Kyrgyz
					Nov. 6	Russia-EU Summit Meeting (Rome)
					Nov. 26	Kashmir ceasefire agreement enters into force
					Dec. 4	Australia decides to participate in missile defense program
					Dec. 5	First meeting of advisory committee on comprehensive U.N. reform
					Dec. 13	U.S. forces capture former President Hussein
					Dec. 18	Iran signs IAEA agreement
					Dec. 19	Libya announces abandonment of weapons of mass destruction program
2004	Jan. 9	Dispatch order issued to GSDF advance team and ADSF main detached Airborne unit	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. 16	GSDF advance team leaves for Iraq	Apr. 20	Council for security and defense capabilities established	Feb. 25	Second Six-Party Talks (Beijing) (through February 29)
	Jan. 22	ASDF main contingentleaves for Kuwait	May 22	Japan-North Korea Summit Meeting held (Pyongyang)	Mar. 11	Terrorist bombings on commuter train system in Madrid, Spain
	Feb. 3	First SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities leaves	Jun. 14	Five abductees return to Japan	Mar. 22	EU General Affairs Council agrees upon development of the structure and organization of the rapid response capabilities of the EU
	Feb. 9	MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait (return on April 8)		Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in Upper House plenary session and conclusion of three treaties approved Special Measures Law for the Embargo on Specific Ships passed	Apr. 28	UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
	Aug. 1	One SDF personnel dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (as Director of Inspection Bureau)(through July 2009)	Jun. 18	SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty approved by Cabinet (joining multinational forces)	Jun. 1	Interim Iraqi Government inaugurated, and Iraqi Governing Council dissolved
	Sep. 8	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary (commemorative) ceremony				UNSC unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq
	Sep. 27	Ono appointed Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	Jun. 23	Third Six-Party Talks (Beijing) (through June 26)
	Oct. 23	Disaster relief dispatch after Niigata-Chuetsu Earthquake (through December 21)	Oct. 4	Final report of Council on Security and Defense Capabilities	Jun. 28	Transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government
	Oct. 25	PSI exercises for maritime interdiction operation hosted by Japan (in the offing of Sagami Bay and in Yokosuka Harbor, through October 27)			Aug. 16	President Bush delivers a speech on the military posture review
	Nov. 7	Defense Agency/SDF 50th anniversary commemorative troop review			Sep. 1	Chechen's armed pro-independence rebels seize a school in Beslan of Russian Republic of North Ossetia
	Nov.10	Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered submarine into Japan's territorial waters—Maritime security operations order issued (through November 12)			Sep. 18	IAEA Board of Governors adopts a resolution calling for a halt to Iran's uranium enrichment-related activities
	Dec.10	"National Defense Program Guidelines, FY 2005-" and "Mid-Term Defense Program for FY 2005-FY 2009" adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			Sep. 19	President Hu Jintao assumes position of Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Chinese Communist Party
	Dec.28	MSDF ships dispatched to the offing of Thailand's Phuket Island to engage in the international disaster relief activities after Indonesia's Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (through January 1, 2005)			Oct. 29	EU leaders sign EU Constitution
					Nov. 16	Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine's intrusion into Japan's territorial waters
					Dec. 7	Karzai sworn in as Afghan president
					Dec. 26	Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster

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2005	Jan. 4	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to engage in the international emergency assistance in response to the major earthquake off the coast of Sumatra and tsunami in the Indian Ocean (All units returned home by March 23)	Jan. 19	Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged Chinese nuclear submarines in Japan's territorial waters	Jan. 15	Abbas sworn in as Palestinian Authority President
					Jan. 30	Iraqi National Assembly elections
	Feb. 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2 + 2"/Washington)-The common strategic objectives confirmed	Mar. 14	Japanese boat attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew abducted (Released on March 20)	Feb. 10	North Korean Foreign Ministry claims that the country has already manufactured nukes
	Apr. 14	Crash of an MU-2 search and rescue plane (ASDF/Mountainous area of Aga-machi, Niigata Prefecture)	Mar. 25	Basic Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians adopted by Cabinet	Mar. 14	China holds National People's Congress/The Anti-Secession Law adopted
	May 2	SDF officially takes part for the first time in the multilateral joint exercises Cobra Gold 05 conducted in Chiang Mai Thailand (through May 13)	Oct. 31	Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended for one year)	Apr. 9	Massive anti-Japan demonstrations in Beijing
	Aug. 5	MSDF vessel dispatched to conduct international disaster relief activity in connection with the accident of a small submarine of the Russian Navy off Kamchatka (through August 10)	Nov. 11	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 adopted by Cabinet	Apr. 16	Massive anti-Japan demonstrations in Shanghai
	Oct. 12	SDF units dispatched to Pakistan to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the great earthquake in Pakistan etc. (All units returned home by Dec. 2)	Dec. 8	One-year extension of period of dispatch of SDF units to Iraq adopted by Cabinet	Apr. 28	The Iraqi Transitional Government sworn in
	Oct. 20	GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint field training against terrorist attack for the first time			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"			Jun. 24	Conservative Ahmadinejad elected as Iran's new president
	Oct. 31	Nukaga appointed Minister of State for Defense			Jul. 7	Series of terrorist bombings take place in London
	Dec.24	Japan-U.S. Joint Development of Interceptor Missiles Having Improved Capability of Ballistic Missile Defense adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			Jul. 20	U.S. - India joint statement announced concerning the formation of "global partnership" and the enhancement of U.S. cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy by India
					Jul. 26	First phase of Fourth Six-Party Talks (through August 7)
					Aug. 18	First-Ever China-Russia Joint Military Exercises, dubbed Peace Mission 2005 conducted (through August 25)
					Sep. 1	The Chinese State Council publicizes a white paper titled "China's Arms Control, Arms Reduction and Efforts for Non-Proliferation"
					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 median line between Japan and China in the East China Sea
					Sep. 19	Fourth Six-Party Talks adopts Joint statement
					Oct. 12	China succeeds in launching spaceship <i>Shen Zhou-6</i>
					Oct. 15	Iraq conducts a national referendum for the draft constitution
2006	Jan. 23	New Special Measures Agreement on Cost Sharing for the Stationing of USFJ signed (Effective on April 1, 2006)	Feb. 4	Japan-North Korea negotiations concerning abduction issue, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile issues held (through February 6)	Jan. 18	Iran begins uranium enrichment experiments
	Jan. 30	Senior officials of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency arrested on charges of interruption of bidding procedures	Mar. 6	At the Japan-China intergovernmental conference, China makes a proposal of joint development of gas field in East China Sea (through March 7)	Feb. 3	U.S. issues the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)
					Mar. 16	U.S. announces the National Security Strategy
					Mar. 31	The new Hamas cabinet formed in the Palestinian Authority
					May 20	New Iraqi government formed

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2006	Feb. 28	MSDF and Japan Coast Guard conduct joint training in responding to a suspicious vessel (off Maizuru)	Apr. 7	The Mayor of Nago City agrees to the proposed relocation of U.S. Marine Corps Futenma Air Station to the site off Henoko	May 27	Large-scale earthquake in Central Java, Indonesia
	Mar. 27	Partial amendment (measures for destructing ballistic missiles etc.) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law is enacted. With the creation of the Joint Staff Office, the SDF establishes a joint operations posture.	May 11	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture Inamine and Minister of State for Defense Nukaga sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ	Jun. 16	Nepal government and Maoists sign peace accord
	Apr. 23	Japan and U.S. agree to the sharing of expenses of relocation of U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa to Guam as part of realignment of USFJ	May 30	Government's Actions to Be Taken in Connection with the Force Posture Realignment of USFJ, etc. adopted by Cabinet	Jun. 27	Israeli army attacks Gaza to recover its soldiers abducted by Palestinian armed groups (ceasefire takes effect on November 26)
	May. 1	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2"/Washington) announces the United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation	Jun. 20	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	Jul. 5	North Korea launches seven ballistic missiles over Sea of Japan
	Jun. 1	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia in response to the earthquake in Central Java (through June 22)	Jul. 19	Decision made to transfer weapons and their technologies to the U.S. to jointly develop a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system, and memorandum concluded with the U.S.	Jul. 12	Israeli army attacks southern Lebanon to recover its soldiers abducted by Hezbollah (ceasefire takes effect on August 14)
	Jul. 31	A part of the partial amendment (strengthening of facilities administration function of the internal organizations, establishment of the Equipment headquarters, reorganization of the Prefecture Liaison Offices into the Provincial Cooperation Offices, etc.) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law enforced	Aug. 16	A Russian patrol boat fires on a Japanese fishing boat, killing one of its crew members. Government files a strong protest against Russia	Jul. 13	Authority to maintain public order in Al Muthanna Province transferred from multilateral forces to Iraq
	Sep. 9	GSDF Kuwait Redeployment Support Unit returns to Japan	Aug. 29	U.S. Navy deploys <i>Shiloh</i> , an Aegis destroyer with SM-3 missiles, to Yokosuka base	Jul. 15	U.N. Security Council unanimously passes Resolution 1695 condemning North Korea
	Sep. 26	Kyuma appointed Minister of State for Defense	Sep. 26	Council Meeting on Measures for Relocation of Futenma Air Station established, and its first meeting held	Jul. 31	U.N. Security Council passes Resolution 1696 to call on Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment activities
	Dec. 15	Partial amendment (transition of the Defense Agency to the Ministry of Defense, upgrading of international peace cooperation activities to a primary mission, etc.) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law passed at the plenary session of the House of Councillors with support from the ruling parties, the Democratic Party of Japan, the People's New Party and others	Oct. 13	Sanctions implemented against North Korea, which announced that it had conducted a nuclear weapon test	Oct. 9	North Korea announces that it had conducted an underground nuclear test
			Nov. 1	Partial amendment (extension of the term for one year) of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law enforced	Oct. 14	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1718 to impose sanctions on North Korea
					Dec. 18	U.S.-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act enacted
					Dec. 23	Second phase of Fifth Six-Party Talks (through November 22)
					Dec. 30	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1737 to impose economic sanctions on Iran Former Iraqi President Hussein executed
2007	Jan. 9	Transition of the Defense Agency to the Ministry of Defense	Feb. 17	F-22, the latest U.S. fighter, temporarily deployed at the Kadena Air Base (through May 10)	Jan. 10	U.S. President Bush announces new Iraq policy
	Mar. 23	Emergency response procedures to destroy ballistic missiles prepared	Feb. 27	Council on the Strengthening of the Function of the Prime Minister's Office Regarding National Security submits a report	Jan. 12	China conducts an anti-satellite test
	Mar. 25	Disaster relief dispatch for the Noto Peninsula Earthquake (through April 8)			Jan. 23	U.N. Security Council decides to set up the U.N. Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) to oversee disarmament in Nepal
	Mar. 28	Central Readiness Force established			Feb. 8	Third phase of fifth Six-Party Talks (through February 13)
	Mar. 30	Patriot PAC-3 deployed at ASDF Iruma Air Base SDF personnel dispatched for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) as military observers	Mar. 5	Aircraft training relocated from Okinawa to Tsuiki for the first time as part of the U.S. Forces realignment (through March 8)	Feb. 13	Fifth Six-Party Talks Joint Statement, Initial Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement announced
		CH-47 JA helicopter crashes while transporting emergency patients during a disaster relief operation (GSDF, Tokunoshima Town, Kagoshima Prefecture)	Mar. 13	Australian Prime Minister Howard visits Japan, and the Japan-Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed	Mar. 19	First phase of Sixth Six-Party Talks (through March 22)
	Apr. 11	Japan-India Vice-Ministerial level talks on defense policy	Apr. 24	Change the Basic Plan regarding Response Measures Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law adopted by Cabinet	Mar. 24	U.N. Security Council decides to impose additional sanctions on Iran
	Apr. 16	Japan-U.S.-India naval exercises conducted for the first time	Apr. 25	Council on Reconstruction of a Legal Basis for Security formed	Apr. 9	Iran announces that it has begun to produce nuclear fuel on an industrial scale
					Apr. 10	The U.S. Treasury Department announces that it agrees to unfreeze North Korean accounts in a Macau bank



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2007	May 1	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2"/Washington) announces the joint statement "Alliance Transformation: Advancing United States-Japan Security and Defense Cooperation"	May 23	Special Measures Law concerning Smooth Implementation of the Realignment of U.S. Forces in Japan passed at the plenary session of House of Councillors, and enacted	May 3	Iraq Compact, an agreement between Iraq and the international community, adopted
	May 18	ASDF controllers positioned at the Yokota RAPCON facility	Jun. 20	Bill to amend the Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq, passed by House of Councillors (two-year extension)	Jun. 12	Government of Sudan agrees to accept the U.S./ African Union Joint PKO Unit into the Darfur region
	Jun. 1	Partial amendment (abolition of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency and its consolidation into the Ministry of Defense, establishment of the Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance and the Local Defense Bureaus, joint units of GSDF, MSDF and ASDF, etc) of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law and the Self-Defense Forces Law enacted	Jul. 10	Extension of the Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq adopted by Cabinet	Jun. 14	Hamas in virtual control of the Gaza Strip
	Jun. 2	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting held for the first time (Minister of Defense Kyuma, U.S. Secretary of Defense Gates, and Minister of Defense Nelson, in Singapore)	Jul. 16	M6.8 Niigata-Chuetsu earthquake	Jun. 17	Fayad emergency cabinet formed in the Palestinian Territories
	Jun. 6	Japan-Australia Joint Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations held for the first time ("2+2"/Tokyo)	Aug. 7	Minister for Foreign Affairs Aso and U.S. Ambassador Schieffer sign the General Security of Military Information Agreement	Jul. 14	Russian President Putin signs presidential order on the termination of the execution of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)
	Jun. 13	Implementation order issued for ASDF Golan Heights International Peace Cooperation Activities	Aug. 10	General Security of Military Information Agreement concluded between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States (GSOMIA)	Jul. 18	Head of Delegation Meeting of Sixth Six-Party Talks (through July 20)
	Jul. 4	Koike appointed Minister of Defense	Aug. 29	Special Measures Law for Realignment of USFJ enters into force	Jul. 31	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1769 on the dispatch of the UN/AU Joint PKO Unit (UNMD) to the Darfur region in Sudan
	Jul. 8	Japan-U.S. joint exercises for BMD in sea areas surrounding Japan	Sep. 12	Prime Minister Abe announces his intention to resign	Aug. 9	Afghanistan and Pakistan host Joint Peace Jirga (through August 12)
	Jul. 17	Disaster relief dispatch in response to Niigata Chuetsu Earthquake (through July 29)	Sep. 26	Fukuda Cabinet formed	Sep. 6	Syria criticizes Israeli air forces' attack on Syrian domestic facilities
	Jul. 20	Basic Act on Ocean Policy established	Sep. 27	Japanese journalist in Myanmar shot to death by Myanmar law and order troops	Sep. 13	U.S. President Bush announces that U.S. will start the withdrawal of dispatched units from Iraq
	Aug. 1	Governor of Saitama Prefecture designates National Defense Medical College as disaster base hospital	Oct. 9	Extension of the Government's sanctions adopted by Cabinet	Sep. 25	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1778 to deploy PKO forces (MINURCAT) and EU forces to Chad and the Central African Republic
	Aug. 27	Koumura appointed Minister of Defense	Oct. 17	Replenishment Support Special Measures Law (draft) for the Maritime Interdiction Operation against terrorism adopted by Cabinet	Sep. 27	Second phase of Sixth Six-Party Talks (Beijing) (through September 30)
	Sep. 1	Local Cooperation Bureau, Equipment and Facilities Headquarters, Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance, and Regional Defense Bureau created	Nov. 1	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law expires	Oct. 3	Sixth Six-Party Talks Joint Statement, Second-Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement, announced
	Sep. 26	Ishiba appointed Minister of Defense	Nov. 8	Tokyo Prosecutors Office's arrest of former executive Motonobu Miyazaki of Yamada Corporation, a defense trading company, on charges of embezzlement of corporate funds	Nov. 21	The USS <i>Kitty Hawk</i> denied docking in Hong Kong and returns to Yokosuka via the Taiwan Strait (through November 25)
	Oct. 1	First visit of ASDF U-4 to Australia (through October 7)	Nov. 28	Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office arrests former Vice Defense Minister Moriya for allegedly accepting a bribe in the procurement of defense equipment	Nov. 27	Annapolis Middle East Peace Conference
	Oct. 13	Japan hosts PSI Maritime Interdiction Operation exercises (through October 15) (Izu-Oshima East Coast, Yokosuka, port of Yokohama)	Dec. 3	Council for Reforming the Ministry of Defense meets for the first time	Dec. 6	India conducts ballistic missile interception experiments (Bay of Bengal)
	Oct. 17	First Japan-U.S.-Australia joint exercises (MSDF, U.S. Navy, the Royal Australian Air Force)	Dec. 12	The governments of Japan and the U.S. agree and sign agreement concerning the Japanese burden of the costs of USFJ (reduction of total of ¥0.8 billion for electricity and water)		
	Oct. 18	Ministerial order on acceleration of Comprehensive Reform of the Defense Equipment acquisition reform. Acquisition reform promotion Comprehensive Reform of the Defense Equipment project team created with Parliamentary Vice Minister for Defense Terada as head	Dec. 13	Russia seizes four Japanese fishing vessels off Kunashiri Island		
	Oct. 22	Panel to Examine Drastic Measures to Enhance Civilian Control created	Dec. 19	Front headquarters of 1st Corps headquarters of U.S. forces formed at USFJ Camp Zama in line with the USFJ realignment		
	Oct. 31	Fire on F-2 aircraft at Komaki airport in Aichi Prefecture	Dec. 24	Cabinet decisions on Improvement of next fixed-wing aircraft, Important issues including contents of Defense Capability Build-up in FY 2008, and Changes of emergent response measures on destruction measures by ballistic missiles adopted by Cabinet		

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2007	Nov. 1	Order issued on termination of response measures based on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law				
	Nov. 5	Japan-U.S. joint exercises (through November 16)				
	Nov. 28	Chinese naval vessel visits Japan for the first time (through December 1)				
	Nov. 29	Patriot PAC-3 deployed at ASDF Narashino Sub Base				
	Dec. 14	Fire on escort vessel <i>Shirane</i>				
	Dec. 18	Review of USFJ Local Employee Wages (Abolishment of USFJ Differential, etc.) Aegis vessel MSDF <i>Kongo</i> conducts a test on counter-missile by ballistic missile (intercepted target)				
2008	Jan. 14	Research involving the review of where to operate Patriot PAC-3 (Shinjuku Gyoen)	Jan. 16	Replenishment Support Special Measures Law comes into force	Jan. 6	President Saakashvili reelected in Georgian presidential elections
	Jan. 17	Order issued to implement replenishment support activities based on Replenishment Support Special Measures Law	Feb. 23	Marine Corps member arrested in Okinawa Prefecture	Jan. 13	Indian Prime Minister Singh visits China (through January 15)
	Jan. 24	Replenishment support activities in the Indian Ocean based on the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law recommenced (departure of units from port)	Feb. 25	Japan-ROK Summit Meeting	Jan. 16	NATO and Russia conduct theater missile defense exercises jointly against short-range missiles in Germany
	Jan. 25	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the Cost Sharing on the Stationing of U.S. forces in Japan signed	Feb. 27	Japan-Israel Summit Meeting		
	Jan. 30	Patriot PAC-3 deployed at ASDF Takeyama Sub Base	Mar. 18	Basic Plan on Ocean Policy adopted by Cabinet		
	Feb. 19	The collision of MSDF destroyer <i>Atago</i> with fishing boat <i>Seitoku Maru</i>	Apr. 3	U.S. Navy sailor (Kanagawa Prefecture) arrested	Jan. 18	Ceasefire agreement expires in Sri Lanka
	Mar. 5	Japan-Cambodia Defense Ministers' Meeting (Ishiba, Tea Banh, Tokyo)	Apr. 11	Extension by six months the Government of Japan's sanctions against North Korea adopted by Cabinet	Jan. 25	Israeli forces blockade the Palestinian authority
	Mar. 26	Partial revision of the Defense Ministry Establishment Law Implementation of the re-organization of the Self-Defense Forces Command and Communication Unit	Apr. 16	Japan-France Summit Meeting	Feb. 1	Pakistan implements a training launch of its mid-range ballistic missile, Hatf-4 (Shaheen I)
	Mar. 28	Project team report for the Comprehensive Reform of Defense Equipment Procurement announced	Apr. 21	Japan-Sweden Summit Meeting	Feb. 17	Pakistan implements a training launch of its mid-range ballistic missile, Hatf-5 (Ghauri)
	Mar. 29	Patriot PAC-3 deployed at ASDF Kasumigaura Sub Base	Apr. 25	Prime Minister Fukuda visits Russia, holds Japan-Russia Summit Meeting	Feb. 19	Province of Kosovo in the south of Serbia declares its independence from Serbia
	Mar. 31	Japan-China talks between high-level defense officials	May 7	Japan-China Summit Meeting Joint Statement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Comprehensive Promotion of a "Mutually Beneficial Relationship Based on Common Strategic Interests" signed	Feb. 20	President Fidel Castro resigns
	May 14	Patriot PAC-3 deployed at ASDF Hamamatsu Air Base	May 14	Japan-New Zealand Summit Meeting	Feb. 24	U.S. vessel Aegis succeeds in launching an NTWD SM-3 interceptor missile at an uncontrollable satellite thus intercepting it in outer space
	May 16	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministers' Meeting (Ishiba, Goff, Tokyo)	May 21	Basic Space Law passed and enacted by House of Councillors	Feb. 25	Cuban President Raoul Castro appointed
	May 31	Minister of Defense Ishiba participates in 7th Asia Security Conference (hosted by IISS, in Singapore)	Jun. 1	Prime Minister Fukuda visits three EU countries (Germany, U.K. and Italy) (through June 5)	Mar. 3	ROK President Lee appointed
	Jun. 14	Disaster relief dispatch after the 2008 Iwate-Miyagi Inland Earthquake	Jun. 12	Japan-Australia Summit Meeting	Mar. 5	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution on additional sanctions against Iran for the third time, for continuing its uranium enrichment activities
	Jun. 24	First visit of SDF vessel to China (through June 28)	Jun. 14	M7.2 (estimate) earthquake occurred inland in Iwate and Miyagi Prefectures	Mar. 14	China announces 2008 national defense budget of approximately 6 trillion 74.4 billion yen, 17.6% increase over the previous year
	Jul. 1	Six-month extension of replenishment support activities in the Indian Ocean	Jun. 18	Agreement reached between the Government of Japan and Government of China on the joint development of natural gas in the East China Sea	Mar. 16	Demonstration by Buddhist monks in the regional capital of Lhasa in the Tibet Autonomous Region, China
	Jul. 17	MOD Reform Head Office established First meeting of the Ministry of Defense Reform Head Office	Jun. 24	Report on Information Meeting on the Re-establishment of a Legal Basis for Security submitted	Mar. 29	Premier Wen Jiabao reelected at the National People's Congress of China
			Jul. 6	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting	Mar. 30	Arab League Summit (Syria) (through March 30)
			Jul. 7	Japan-Canada Summit Meeting	Apr. 3	Croatia's and Albania's entries accepted at the NATO Summit
			Jul. 8	G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit (through July 9)	Apr. 6	U.S.-Russia Summit Meeting (Sochi)
				Japan-U.K. Summit Meeting	Apr. 17	U.S.-U.K. Summit Meeting (Washington)
				Japan-Germany Summit Meeting	Apr. 19	U.S.-ROK Summit Meeting (Washington)
				Japan-Russia Summit Meeting		
				Japan-Italy Summit Meeting		



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2008	Jul. 22 Meeting of members involved in the MOD reform	Jul. 15 The Council for Reforming the Ministry of Defense announces its report	Apr. 24 U.S. Government announces that North Korea assisted the construction by Syria of nuclear facilities destroyed in an air attack
	Jul. 24 2008 Iwate Earthquake	Jul. 24 Former Vice-Minister of Defense Moriya returned full amount of his retirement allowance to the national treasury	May 12 M7.8 earthquake occurs in Sichuan Province, China
	Aug. 2 Hayashi appointed Minister of Defense	Aug. 8 Prime Minister Fukuda attends Beijing Olympics (through August 9)	May 14 U.S. President Bush visits Israel
	Aug. 25 Large-scale exercises of the Central Readiness Force (through September 23)	Aug. 11 Japan-China Summit Meeting	May 20 Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou appointed
	Second meeting of the Ministry of Defense Reform Head Office	Aug. 11 Japan-North Korea working-level consultations (through August 12)	May 30 Convention on Cluster Munitions adopted at an international conference in Dublin
	Aug. 26 Plan for Realizing the Reform of the Ministry of Defense and the Basic Plan for the Organizational Reform of the Ministry of Defense published	Aug. 27 Basic Space Law enters into force	Jun. 17 France announces Defense White Paper
	Aug. 28 SDF personnel dispatched to China for the excavation and recovery of abandoned chemical weapons (through September 25)	Sep. 24 Fukuda Cabinet general resignation	Jun. 26 North Korea submits its nuclear program
	Aug. 29 TRDI receives prototype of next-generation fixed-wing patrol aircraft XP-1 no. 1	Oct. 19 First identified passage by Chinese surface combatants through Tsugaru Strait: four Chinese naval vessels, including a Sovremenny-class destroyer	Jul. 8 U.S. - Czech Republic Ballistic Missile Defense Agreement signed
	Joint fire prevention exercises (through September 1)	Oct. 22 Japan-India Summit Meeting; Japan-India Joint Statement on the Advancement of the Strategic and Global Partnership, and Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed	Jul. 12 Heads of Delegation Meeting of Six-Party Talks announce press communiqué
	Sep. 9 Fatal accident of a participant in a training course related to MSDF special boarding unit	Oct. 23 Prime Minister Aso attends 7th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) (through October 25, in Beijing)	Jul. 13 Mediterranean Federation Meeting (Paris)
	Sep. 11 ASDF F-15 crashes in the Japan Sea off the coast of Yamaguchi prefecture	Oct. 28 First hearing of Aegis information leakage case (Yokohama district court)	Jul. 21 China and Russia sign a supplementary agreement formally demarcating their shared eastern border
	Sep. 17 Defense Posture Review Board established	Nov. 5 Former Vice-minister of Defense Moriya given prison sentence (Tokyo district court)	Jul. 22 EU Foreign Ministers' Meeting
	First meeting	Nov. 22 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (strengthening Japan-U.S. Alliance; USFJ realignment; missile defense; Asia-Pacific regional guidelines; exchange of views on Iraq, Afghanistan, etc)	Jul. 23 Ram Baran Yadav appointed president of Nepal
	ASDF successfully carries out Patriot PAC-3 test at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico	Dec. 3 Convention on Cluster Munitions signed	Jul. 27 Informal U.S.-Pakistan Ministerial Summit Meeting at Six-Party Talks
	Sep. 24 Hamada appointed Minister of Defense	Dec. 14 Japan-China-ROK Summit Meeting (first Japan-China-ROK Tripartite Summit)	Jul. 28 Non-Aligned Movement Foreign Ministers' Meeting (through July 31)
	Sep. 25 Commissioning of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington		Jul. 30 Defense exercises in Takeshima, ROK
	Oct. 2 Disciplinary dismissal of ASDF colonel for leakage of defense secrets		Jul. 31 U.S. Department of Defense announces its National Defense Strategy
	Oct. 8 SDF personnel dispatched to UNMIS (United Nations Mission in Sudan)		Security Resolution 1828 extends mandate of UNAMID
	Oct. 15 National Defense Medical College professor arrested on suspicion of accepting bribes		Aug. 2 15th SAARC Summit (in Colombo) (through August 3)
	Oct. 21 13th Tokyo Defense Forum (through October 24)		Pakistan-Afghanistan Summit Meeting
	Oct. 22 Interim report published on the death of a participant in a training course related to MSDF special boarding unit		Aug. 6 U.S.-ROK Summit Meeting
	Oct. 24 SDF personnel dispatched to United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS)		Military coup d'état in Mauritania
	Oct. 31 Revealed that ASDF Chief of Staff Tamogami published an essay		Aug. 7 Military clash between Georgia and South Ossetia
	ASDF Chief of Staff dismissed		Aug. 8 Beijing Olympics (through August 24)
	GSDF earthquake disaster exercises in Tohoku region (through November 23)		Aug. 10 Armed groups attack public security facilities in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China
	Nov. 7 Japan-U.S.-ROK working-level defense consultations		Aug. 14 Syria and Lebanon agree to establish diplomatic relations
	Nov. 13 8th Japan-ROK security dialogue		Aug. 15 General Secretary Prachanda chosen as new Prime Minister in Nepal
	Nov. 20 MSDF <i>Chokai</i> destroyer's SM-3 test off the coast of Hawaii (failed to intercept target)		President Saakashvili of Georgia signs 6-point peace agreement
	Nov. 21 SDF Instructors dispatched to Egypt PKO center		Aug. 16 President Medvedev of Russia signs 6-point peace agreement
			Aug. 19 President Musharraf of Pakistan resigns
			Aug. 20 U.S. - Poland missile defense agreement signed, Declaration on Strategic Cooperation issued
			Aug. 21 Nuclear Suppliers Group Meeting (NSG) (through August 22)

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2008	Nov. 28	Government decides withdrawal of the ASDF air transport unit dispatched for Kuwait based on the Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq			Aug. 22	Russia armed forces withdraw from Georgia (some troops remain)
	Dec. 9	Disciplinary dismissal announced of MSDF lieutenant commander found guilty of leaking information regarding the Aegis system			Aug. 26	Russia recognizes independence of autonomous province of South Ossetia and Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia
	Dec. 12	Aerial and transport operations in Iraq terminated based on the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq			Aug. 28	SCO Summit Meeting (in Tajikistan)
		The bill for the extension of the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law re-adopted			Sep. 1	Emergency EU Summit
	Dec. 18	Japan-Australia Defense Ministers' Meeting				Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) Group of Governmental Experts (through September 5)
		Second Japan-Australia Joint Foreign and Defence Ministerial Consultations			Sep. 3	Cyprus North-South Summit Meeting
	Dec. 20	Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2005-FY2009) adopted by Security Council of Japan and Cabinet			Sep. 5	Emergency EU Summit
	Dec. 22	Third meeting of the Ministry of Defense Reform Head Office				Informal EU Foreign Ministers' Meeting (through September 6)
		Basic Concept for FY2010 Organizational Reform published				Angola parliamentary elections (through September 6)
	Dec. 23	Iraq Reconstruction Support Airlift Squadron returns home based on the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq			Sep. 6	Pakistan presidential elections
	Dec. 24	Maritime Staff Office publishes the Implementation Plan for Realizing the Drastic Organizational Reform of the MSDF			Sep. 9	U.S. President Bush announces reduction of U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and increase of troops in Afghanistan
	Dec. 25	12th meeting of the Council for Reforming the Ministry of Defense (organizational reforms to be implemented in FY2009; Basic Concept for FY2010 Organizational Reform; dismissal of former ASDF Chief of Staff Tamogami; drastic reform of the MSDF, etc.)				60th anniversary of establishment of North Korea
					Sep. 14	Prime Minister Prachanda of Nepal visits India (through September 18)
					Sep. 15	Rwanda parliamentary elections
						U.S. Department of Defense announces plans to increase troops in Afghanistan
					Sep. 17	Russia signs treaties on friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance with autonomous province of South Ossetia and Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia
					Sep. 18	Informal NATO Defense Ministers' Meeting (through September 19)
					Sep. 19	U.S. and Czech Republic sign Status of Forces Agreement
					Sep. 20	Terrorist attack at an American hotel in Pakistan
					Sep. 22	Pakistan army Chief of Staff Corps Kayani visits India (through September 26)
						Russian Armed Forces carry out Stability 2008 strategic command and staff exercises (through October 22)
					Sep. 23	IAEA Board of Governors meeting (through September 26)
					Sep. 25	U.S.-Pakistan Summit Meeting
						China launches manned spacecraft <i>Shenzhou 7</i> and conducts successful extravehicular activity for the first time
						Russia launches 3 Glonass navigation satellites
					Sep. 26	Informal Black Sea Economic Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting
						U.S.-Afghanistan Summit Meeting
					Sep. 27	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution 1835 on imposing economic sanctions on Iran
					Sep. 28	Prime Minister Singh of India visits France (through September 30)
					Sep. 29	EU-India Summit Meeting
						IAEA General Conference (through October 4)
					Oct. 1	ROK-Russia Summit Meeting

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2008					Oct. 3	U.S. African command becomes independent combatant command U.S. Department of Defense informs Congress of sale of PAC-3s, AH-64Ds, attack helicopters, etc, to Taiwan
					Oct. 9	Informal NATO Defense Ministers' Meeting (through October 10)
					Oct. 10	EU Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (through October 11) CIS Summit Meeting U.S. removes North Korea from its list of state sponsors of terrorism
					Oct. 13	EU Foreign Ministers' Meeting (through October 14)
					Oct. 15	Syria and Lebanon establish diplomatic relations EU Summit (through October 16) Tension between Thai and Cambodian soldiers around Temple of Preah Vihear erupts in a clash
					Oct. 17	Elections for nonpermanent members of U.N. Security Council
					Nov. 1	External Affairs Minister Mukherjee of India visits Iran (through November 2)
					Nov. 3	Union for the Mediterranean Foreign Ministers' Meeting (through November 4) China's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait President Chen Yanlin makes first visit to Taiwan (through November 7) and meets with Straits Exchange Foundation Chairman Chiang Pinkung (November 4) Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) Group of Governmental Experts (through November 12)
					Nov. 4	Minister of Foreign Affairs Lavrov of Russia visits Japan (through November 5) U.S. presidential elections (popular vote)
					Nov. 5	President Medvedev of Russia delivers annual State of the Nation Address
					Nov. 6	Coronation Celebration Day of King Wangchuck of Bhutan
					Nov. 7	Informal EU Summit
					Nov. 8	Russian Pacific Ocean fleet nuclear submarine accident DR Congo Emergency Summit
					Nov. 10	EU Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (through November 11)
					Nov. 12	North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesperson releases a statement on the verification of its nuclear declaration
					Nov. 14	President Lee of ROK visits U.S., Brazil and Peru (through November 26)
					Nov. 16	President Hu of China visits 4 countries in Central and South America (through November 26)
					Nov. 17	Telephone meeting between U.S. President Bush and Colonel Gadhaffi of Libya Special Meeting of the Tibetans in Exile (through November 22)
					Nov. 19	National Party led by Key takes power in New Zealand IAEA Director General delivers a report to member states on Syria and Iran's nuclear programs

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2008					Nov. 20	U.N. Security Council authorizes increase in military personnel for United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) U.N. Security Council adopts resolution 1844 imposing sanctions on Somalia
					Nov. 22	APEC Summit Meeting (through November 23)
					Nov. 25	Thai anti-government civilian group (PAD) occupies international airport (through December 3)
					Nov. 26	Coordinated terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India
					Nov. 27	Iraq National Assembly approves Security Agreement on U.S. Forces presence in Iraq Thai government declares state of emergency in New Bangkok International Airport and surrounding areas
					Dec. 1	Russia conducts joint naval exercises with Venezuela (through December 3)
					Dec. 2	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution 1846 on countering piracy off the coast of Somalia
					Dec. 3	Convention on Cluster Munitions signed (through December 4) NATO Foreign Ministers' Meeting (through December 3)
					Dec. 4	Iraq Presidency Council approves Security Agreement on U.S. Forces presence in Iraq President Medvedev of Russia visits India (through December 5) 5th U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (through December 5)
					Dec. 7	Wu Poh-hsiung, chairman of Taiwan's Kuomintang (KMT) visits Japan (through December 13)
					Dec. 8	EU Foreign Ministers' Meeting adopts a common position which defines the unified rules on the control of technology and military exports (EU common position) Anti-piracy EU NAVFOR Somalia Operation Atalanta commences 2 Chinese oceanographic research ships enter territorial waters of Japan near Senkaku Islands Six-Party Talks (through December 11)
					Dec. 9	EULEX military deployed to Kosovo
					Dec. 10	Minister of Defence Serdyukov of Russia visits China (through December 11)
					Dec. 11	EU Summit (through December 12)
					Dec. 15	ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting ASEAN Charter enters into effect
					Dec. 16	U.S. presidential elections (electoral vote)
					Dec. 17	Declaration of state of emergency in Bangladesh lifted
					Dec. 19	Israel-Hamas ceasefire lapsed
					Dec. 20	China announces dispatch of naval forces to waters off Somalia and Gulf of Aden
					Dec. 26	Chinese naval fleet of 3 destroyers sets off to Somalia for escort mission
					Dec. 27	Israel begins large-scale attack on Gaza

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2008					Dec. 29 Bangladesh general elections President Yusuf of Somalia Transitional Federal Government resigns Dec. 31 Presence of the Multinational Force in Iraq mandated by U.N. Security Council Resolution expires	
2009	Jan. 8	ASDF F-15s deployed in Okinawa (Hyakuri SDF facility)	Jan. 9	First meeting of Council on Security and Defense Capability	Jan. 1	U.S.-Iraq Security Agreement enters into effect
	Jan. 15	Ministry of Defense formulates the Basic Guidelines for Space Development and Use of Outer Space	Jan. 22	Yokohama Marine Accident Tribunal issues recommendations for improvements to MSDF 3rd Escort Flotilla to prevent a recurrence of the accident		Russia suspends gas supplies to the Ukraine
	Jan. 28	Order issued for SDF to make preparations for anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden	Jan. 23	Telephone meeting between Minister for Foreign Affairs Nakasone and U.S. Secretary of State Clinton	Jan. 17	Israel declares unilateral ceasefire in Gaza Strip
	Feb. 7	45th Munich Security Conference			Jan. 20	Inauguration of U.S. President Obama
	Feb. 10	Order issued for the completion of the pullout of SDF reconstruction support units from Iraq	Feb. 17	Agreement Concerning the Relocation of Marine Corp Personnel from Okinawa to Guam signed	Jan. 26	Ethiopian troops stationed in Somalia complete withdrawal
	Feb. 17	Meeting between Minister of Defense Hamada and Secretary of State Clinton	Feb. 18	Japan-Russia Summit Meeting	Jan. 31	Iraq regional assembly elections Sheikh Ahmed elected as new president of Somalia Transitional Federal Government
	Feb. 19	Mass-produced US-2 no. 1 aircraft acquired	Feb. 24	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (further strengthening Japan-U.S. Alliance; Japan-U.S. Alliance as the foundation for ensuring peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; exchange of views on how to smoothly implement USFJ realignment and Agreement Concerning the Relocation of Marine Corp Personnel from Okinawa to Guam)	Feb. 3	Russia and Belarus sign an agreement on the establishment of a unified air-defense system Kyrgyz announces the closure of Manas Air Base (U.S. notified on February 20)
	Feb. 26	Patriot PAC-3 deployed at 13th Fire Unit of the 4th Air Defense Missile Group (Gifu prefecture)			Feb. 4	Cobra Gold 2009 (in Thailand) (through February 17) CSTO (CIS Collective Security Treaty Organization) Summit Meeting
	Mar. 9	Meeting between Minister of Defense Hamada and Prime Minister and Minister for Defense and Security Gusmão of Timor Leste	Mar. 13	Anti-Piracy Bill adopted by the Cabinet	Feb. 10	Ceremony marking 30th anniversary of Iranian revolution Israel general elections
	Mar. 13	Order issued for SDF to begin maritime security operations for anti-piracy activities off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden	Mar. 19	Former National Defense Medical College professor found guilty of accepting bribes (Tokyo district court)	Feb. 15	Venezuelan constitutional reform abolishing limits on presidential reelection endorsed in a national referendum
	Mar. 14	Defense destroyers <i>Sazanami</i> and <i>Samidare</i> set sail	Apr. 3	Minister for Foreign Affairs Nakasone signs Status of Forces Agreement with the Republic of Djibouti	Feb. 17	President Obama approves sending about 17,000 additional troops to Afghanistan
	Mar. 17	High-level defense official talks on common security issues in the Asia-Pacific region First Tokyo Seminar on joint security issues	Apr. 10	Supreme Court rejects an appeal lodged by local residents regarding night flights and other disturbances at U.S. Yokota Air Base	Feb. 18	Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (in Sakhalin)
	Mar. 18	MSDF acquires <i>Hyuga</i> helicopter destroyer			Feb. 25	14th ASEAN Summit Meeting (through March 1)
	Mar. 20	Japan-China Defense Ministers' Meeting (Hamada and Liang, in Beijing)	May 19	Agreement Concerning the Relocation of Marine Corp Personnel from Okinawa to Guam comes into force	Feb. 26	Iran test runs Bushehr nuclear reactor U.N. Security Council extends UNMIT (Timor Leste) mandate by 1 year U.S. budget message (outline) delivered to Congress
	Mar. 27	Order issued to SDF for the destruction of ballistic missiles, and other objects	Jun. 2	Basic Plan for Space Policy formulated	Feb. 27	President Obama announces time line for withdrawal of troops from Iraq
	Mar. 30	MSDF acquires <i>Souryu</i> submarine			Mar. 2	Gaza reconstruction conference (in Egypt)
	Apr. 1	Draft Environmental Impact Statement submitted concerning the future relocation of U.S. Futenma Air Station			Mar. 3	U.S.-U.K. Summit Meeting
	Apr. 3	Meeting between Minister of Defense Hamada and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Youssouf of Djibouti			Mar. 4	International Criminal Court issues arrest warrant for President Bashir of Sudan
	Apr. 6	Order issued to SDF for termination of destruction of ballistic missiles, and other objects			Mar. 5	China announces FY2009 national defense budget: 15.3% increase (7.093 trillion yen) against actual expenditure of FY2008.
	Apr. 17	Minister of Defense issues instructions and order for the SDF to ready P-3C aircraft			Mar. 6	U.S.- Russian Foreign Ministers' Meeting (in Geneva)
	Apr. 23	Japan-ROK defense ministers meeting (Hamada and Lee, in Tokyo)			Mar. 12	International Maritime Organization informs Japan and other IMO member states of notification received from North Korean authorities of plans for launch of Kwangmyongsong No.2 "experimental communications satellite"
	Apr. 28	Patriot PAC-3 deployed at 12th Fire Unit of the 4th Air Defense Missile Group (Shiga prefecture)				

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2009	Apr. 30	About 30 doctors and nurses dispatched to Narita airport to provide quarantine assistance to deal with the new swine influenza virus			Mar. 19	EU Summit (through March 20)
	May 1	Japan-U.S Defense Ministers' Meeting (Hamada and Gates, in Washington)			Mar. 24	U.S.-Australia Summit Meeting NATO re-commences anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden
	May 15	Order issued for P-3Cs to be dispatched to Djibouti international airport			Mar. 27	President Obama announces new Pakistan and Afghanistan strategies
	May 27	Bill for the partial revision to the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law passed (establishment of Defense Council; establishment of the positions of Special Advisors to the Minister of Defense; abolishment of the Advisory Structure by Defense Counselors, etc.)			Mar. 31	Netanyahu administration comes to power in Israel International Conference on Afghanistan (in Netherlands)
	May 30	Minister of Defense Hamada attends 8th Asian Security Summit (hosted by IISS, in Singapore) First Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministers' Meeting (Hamada, Gates and Lee, in Singapore)			Apr. 1	U.S.-Russia Summit Meeting (in London)
	Jun. 19	Anti-Piracy Law established			Apr. 2	Chinese navy sends 2nd fleet to Somalia
					Apr. 3	NATO Summit (through April 4) Tension between Thai and Cambodian soldiers around Temple of Preah Vihear erupts in a clash
					Apr. 5	North Korea launches a ballistic missile that passes over Japan President Obama gives a speech in Prague
					Apr. 9	EU-U.S. Summit Meeting
					Apr. 10	President of Algeria reelected for the 3rd time
					Apr. 11	ASEAN conference in Thailand cancelled because of protesters forcing entry into convention center State of emergency declared in Bangkok on April 12
					Apr. 13	U.N. Security Council adopts Presidential Statement on North Korea
					Apr. 18	Somalia Transitional Federal Government unanimously agrees to adopt Islamic law
					Apr. 23	International Fleet review marking the 60th anniversary of the Chinese Navy (in Qingdao, China)
					Apr. 30	U.N. Security Council Resolution 1870 extends mandate of UNMIS
					May 4	First ARF field exercises on disaster relief (in Philippines) Prime Minister Prachanda of Nepal resigns
					May 6	NATO exercises in Georgia (through June 1)
					May 7	African National Congress candidate Zuma chosen as president of South Africa in National Assembly elections U.S. budget message delivered
					May 22	Malawi President reelected
					May 25	North Korea carries out a nuclear test
					Jun. 3	Organization of American States lifts 47-year suspension of Cuba
					Jun. 12	Iran presidential elections
					Jun. 15	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit Meeting (through June 16)
					Jun. 16	First Brazil-Russia-India-China (BRICs) Summit Meeting Somalia Transitional Federal Government declares state of emergency after fighting breaks out

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