

-(The Australian 5/12) [China taking lead in Indo-Pacific arms race](#) : The US and Australia must invest urgently in military technologies and innovation to help combat the threat posed by a rising China.

-(East Asia Forum 5/12) [ASEAN needs to move to minilateralism](#) : To save the principle of ASEAN centrality, the regional body should transcend its consensus-based decision-making and embrace minilateral arrangements on divisive issues.



-(SCMP 5/5) [Chinese air force holds drills in 'new routes and areas' near Korean peninsula](#) : Date and exact location of exercise isn't revealed but announcement said to be aimed at sending a message to Washington and Seoul.

-(Janes 4/12) [PLAAF seeks to regularise combat aircraft deployments to South China Sea](#) : footage aired by state-owned broadcaster CCTV on 29 November confirmed that the aircraft are being housed in "thermostabilised hangars to boost the jet fighters' durability and resistance to the island's humidity and high temperatures".