



Military Modernization in Southeast Asia: Problems and Prospects.

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What are the strategic choices facing the military organizations of Southeast Asia in the 21st Century? How each national military organization answers this question will be shaped by a number of considerations: the nature of the security environment, and how it is likely to change in the medium to long-term future; the sorts of capabilities each military organization will likely require to deal with the projected conditions of the security environment; the relative and projected health of the economy, and therefore, how much can the military organisation afford to buy.

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