



# ENHANCING ASEAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION FOR ASEAN COMMUNITY BUILDING : THE WAY FORWARD



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# INTRODUCTION

## AMIIM



- ❖ PROMOTES ASEAN'S ROLE AS A REGIONAL ENTITY WITH ENHANCED SECURITY CHARACTERISTICS
- ❖ IMPORTANT CHANNEL TOWARDS BUILDING CONFIDENCE, IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING AND STRENGTHENING COOPERATION

# INTRODUCTION

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- ASEAN FACES NUMEROUS SECURITY ISSUES WHICH HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON REGIONAL SECURITY
- MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATIONS OF ASEAN MUST ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN EACH OTHER

# SCOPE

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- CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION
- THE NEED TO ENHANCE COOPERATION
- THE WAY FORWARD
- CONCLUSION

# CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION

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SIMPLE INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGES HAVE DEVELOPED INTO JOINT OPERATIONS ON COMMON BORDERS, REGULAR CONTACTS BETWEEN HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY OFFICIALS, JOINT MARITIME SURVEILLANCE PATROLS AS WELL AS A SERIES OF MILITARY EXERCISES

# CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION



INTELLIGENCE-SHARING AND EXCHANGE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP CLOSER TIES AND DISCUSS COMMON INTELLIGENCE CHALLENGES IN DEALING WITH NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY THREATS

# CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION

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## PREVIOUS AMIIM MEETINGS

1 <sup>ST</sup> AMIIM	-	INDONESIA	(2001)
2 <sup>ND</sup> AMIIM	-	BRUNEI	(2003)
3 <sup>RD</sup> AMIIM	-	MALAYSIA	(2005)
4 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	PHILIPPINE	(2006)
5 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	SINGAPORE	(2007)
6 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	THAILAND	(2008)
7 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	VIETNAM	(2010)
8 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	INDONESIA	(2011)
9 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	CAMBODIA	(2012)
10 <sup>TH</sup> AMIM	-	BRUNEI	(2013)
11 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	MYANMAR	(2014)
12 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	MALAYSIA	(2015)
13 <sup>TH</sup> AMIIM	-	LAOS	(2016)

# CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION

## ASEAN MILITARIES ANALYST-TO-ANALYST INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE



ESTABLISHED IN 2011 TO DEVELOP NETWORKING BETWEEN ANALYSTS AND  
TO ENHANCE MILITARY COOPERATION THROUGH SHARING OF  
BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED



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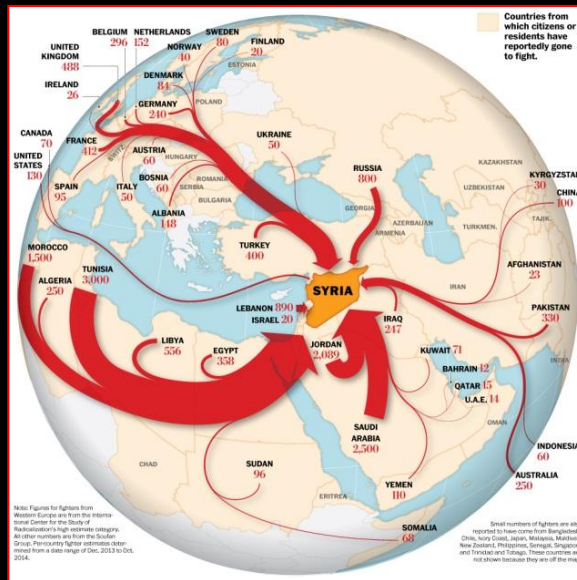
# THE NEED TO ENHANCE COOPERATION



SOUTHEAST ASIA IS FACING GREATER SECURITY UNCERTAINTIES WHEREBY CHALLENGES ARE GLOBAL IN NATURE AS A RESULT OF GLOBALIZATION

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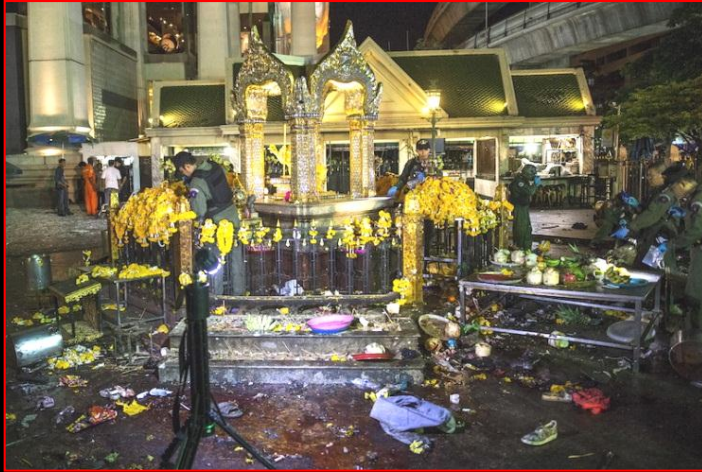
## ISLAMIC STATE (IS)



THE THREAT HAS SPREAD TO SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH THE REGION BECOMING ONE OF THE KEY RECRUITING GROUNDS FOR FOREIGN FIGHTERS

# THE NEED TO ENHANCE COOPERATION

## ISLAMIC STATE (IS)



**BANGKOK BOMBING 2015**



**JAKARTA ATTACKS 2016**

RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS ARE REMINDERS THAT THE THREAT IS SERIOUS AND DEMONSTRATES THE NEED TO ENHANCE INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION

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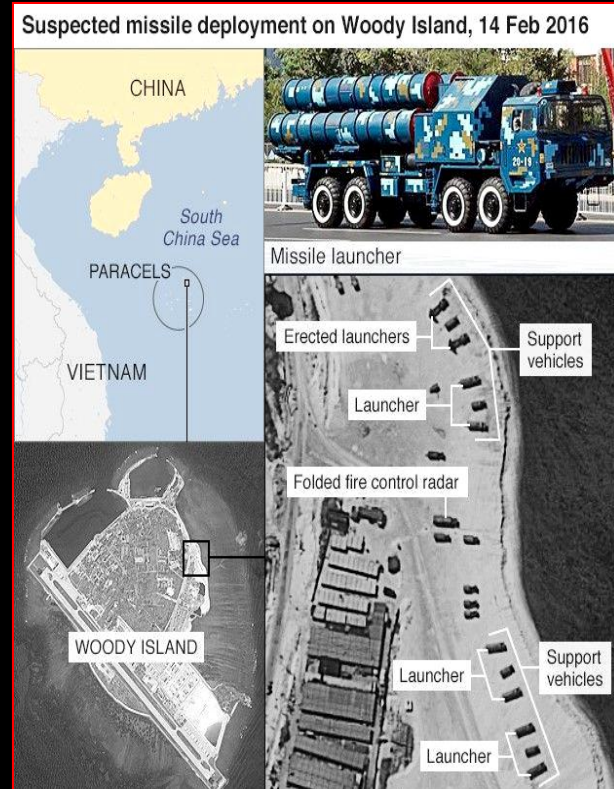
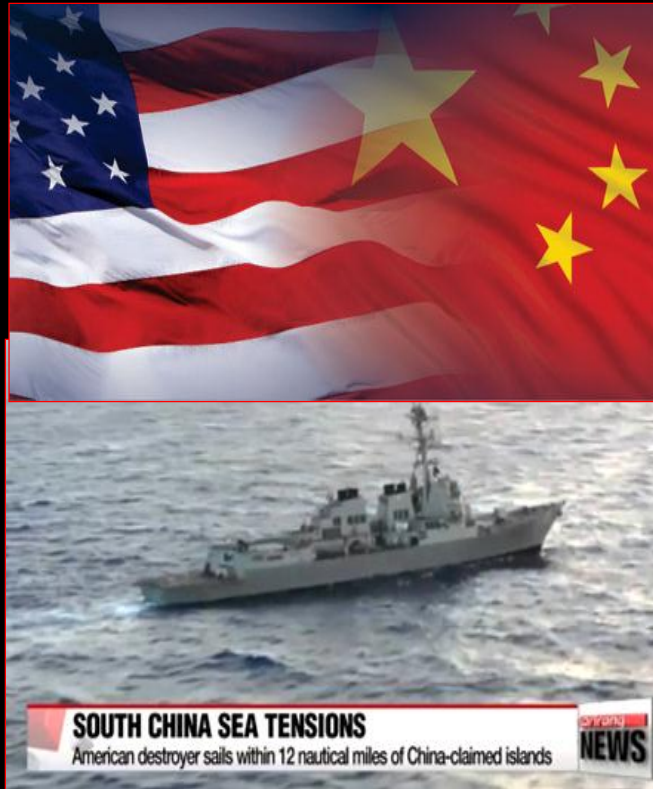
## SOUTH CHINA SEA (SCS) ISSUE



THE ONGOING DISPUTES REMAIN A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WITH CHINA ADOPTING AN INCREASINGLY ASSERTIVE POSTURE. GREATER DEGREE OF SITUATIONAL AWARENESS ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IS REQUIRED THROUGH ENHANCED INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION

# THE NEED TO ENHANCE COOPERATION

## INTERACTION AMONG GREAT POWER



AGGRESSIVE MILITARY POSTURES OF BOTH STATES WILL INFLUENCE SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS OF THE WIDER PACIFIC REGION

# THE NEED TO ENHANCE COOPERATION

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## CYBER THREAT



POSES NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES ON CRITICAL MILITARY / GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND HAS RESULTED IN AN INTELLIGENCE GAP THAT CAN ONLY BE REMEDIED BY INCREASING COOPERATION

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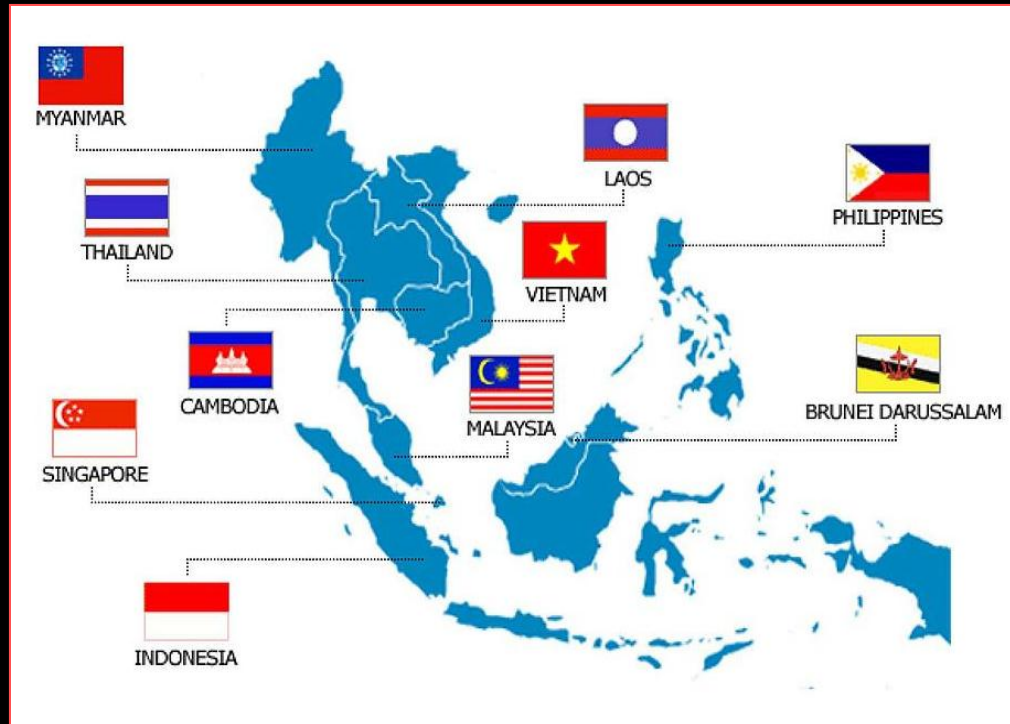


INTELLIGENCE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOL IN COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL THREATS, TO ENHANCE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS, INTELLIGENCE SHOULD BE CONTINUALLY SHARED



# THE WAY FORWARD

## ENHANCING INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION



IMPERATIVE FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATIONS TO REMAIN ENGAGED, SHARE INFORMATION OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION

# THE WAY FORWARD

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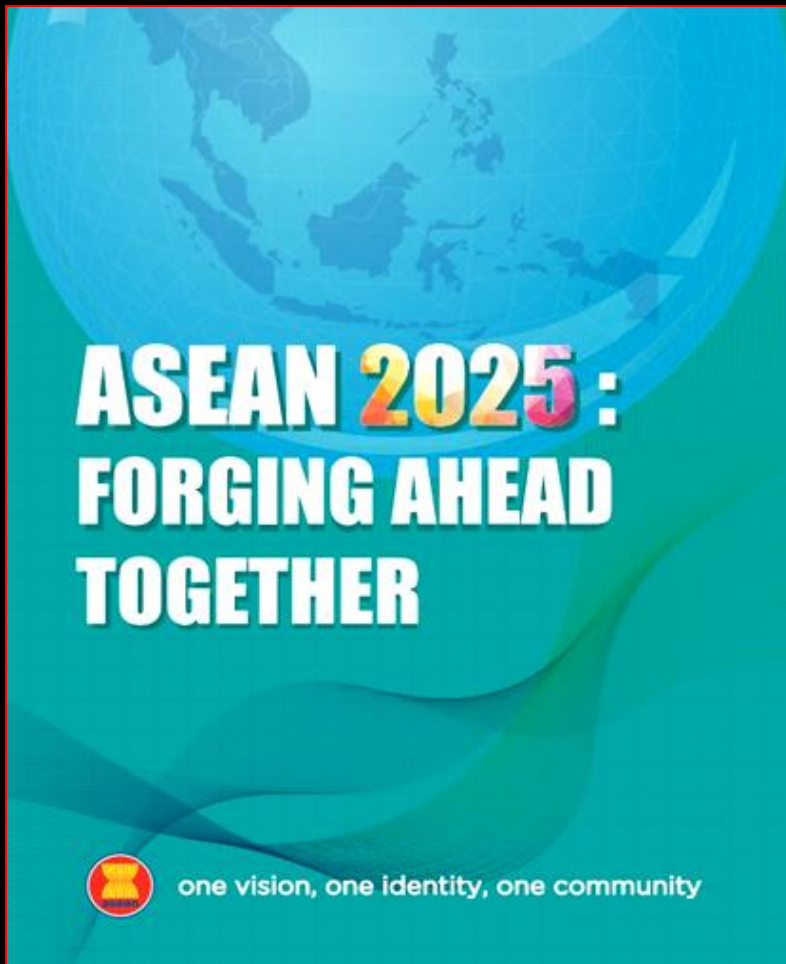
- ESTABLISH DEDICATED LINK OF OFFICERS WHO ARE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES TO FACILITATE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION THROUGH REGULAR CONTACT
- ATTACHMENT OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ON A BILATERAL BASIS TO CONDUCT JOINT RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT ON SECURITY ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN
- CONDUCT JOINT CROSS - TRAINING EXERCISES AND COURSES TO PROMOTE GREATER COORDINATION

**“ IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SHARE INTELLIGENCE BUT  
THERE IS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE IT ”**

MIKE MCCONNELL  
DIR OF NATIONAL INT US  
(2007 – 2009)

# CONCLUSION

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- ASEAN SHALL REMAIN RELEVANT IN ADDRESSING CHALLENGES TO REGIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY
- ASEAN MILITARIES CAN REALISE THE ASEAN 2025 OBJECTIVES BY WORKING WITH EACH OTHER, BILATERALLY, REGIONALLY AND MULTILATERALLY



**THANK YOU**