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THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL MARITIME NEXUS TO INDONESIAN BALANCE OF POWER IN ASIA PACIFIC

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Abstract

Global Maritime Nexus is the proposed geopolitical vision to make Indonesia as a great and respected seapower. Indonesian military plays a critical role in that vision. This, in turn, will demand a rethinking of its current arsenal modernization program, which currently is still influenced by the concept of Minimum Essential Forces and strategic culture of total defence. This article reviews some important programs that have been implemented in Indonesian military since 2014 until early 2018 and the impact of those programs for Indonesian balance of power in Asia Pacific region.

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