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U.S. model for future war with China:

Palau, Tinian, dispersal point for US air assets

Tuna earnings to increase to \$2.2 millions in 2013



American aircraft will be dispersed to airfields in Tinian and Palau in case conflict breaks out between the US and China.

When President Obama called on the U.S. military to shift its focus to Asia earlier this year, Andrew Marshall, a 91-year-old futurist, had a vision of what to do.

Marshall's small office in the Pentagon has spent the past two decades planning for a war against an angry,

aggressive and heavily armed China.

No one had any idea how the war would start. But the American response, laid out in a concept that one of Marshall's longtime protégés dubbed "Air-Sea Battle," was clear.

Stealthy American bombers

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The recent move by the national government to gauge interest on the "proposal for a company to build, deliver, manage and operate a purse seiner fishing" to gain more revenue from tuna fishing, has generated wider public discussion on the general issues on tuna industry.

However, what has been missing in the discussion is that Palau's earnings derived from purse seine vessels is projected to reach \$2.2 million beginning in 2013.

The increase in revenues is a result of the agreement (U.S.

Multilateral Treaty) reached on the financial package between the 17-Pacific island parties and the United States.

US multilateral treaty was

signed in 1987 and has been extended since then and will expire on June 14, 2013.

The multilateral treaty see Tuna on p. 11

Fishing revenues "distributed to grassroots"

Palau can pride itself as the only Pacific island country where its revenue derived from fishing rights and fees are distributed directly to the "grassroots" level.

Aside from the annual state block grants, fishing revenues has been one of the main sources of income for the local state governments.

State government operations have more personal level interactions with the needs of the village and individual

citizens daily, hence the grassroots.

"Based on how our laws are set up to disburse the fishing revenues, an overwhelming amount goes directly to the state level where it is considered as one of the main sources of revenue for the local state governments," said Ms. Nanette Malsol, director of the bureau of oceanic management.

Revenues derived from see Fishing on p. 11

Crime wave hits Palau

Wave of violent crimes incidents have hit Palau in recent weeks with several incidents of stabbings, attempted rape and fight among students.

The attempted rape, which occurred on August 22, involved the daughter of one of the tour operators in this country who was able to fend off her attacker.

The 24-year old victim was jogging in Meyuns at around 7:50 in the morning when the suspect reportedly tried to rape her.

She fought back and was able to ward off the suspect who was later arrested that day. Despite several inquiries, Public Safety Bureau has not disclosed the name of suspect who is reported to be deported

from the US as a sex offender.

This week, another incident involving a foreign national also occurred. A Bangladeshi national by the name of Muhammed Hussein who was working at Belau Mart in Iddi Hamlet next to Catholic Mission field, was stabbed several times in the vicinity of the store around 11:35 PM on August 22.

The suspect in the stabbing incident was apprehended that same day. The victim was brought to the Belau National Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

The police are still investigating the circumstances leading to the incident and are mum about the name of the suspect.

Then there was also the see Crime on p. 11



First-ever ballet recital in Palau. Top: Performers in the "A Garden Tale" pose for a group photo. Above, left: The Palau Polynesian performance. Above, right: Kid performers pose for the camera after the recital at the Ngarachamayong yesterday. (See story on page 4)

Photos by Roman Torwal

Palau leaders...

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of an SP that is mandated to investigate wrongdoings among high officials in government.

Compact I provided that Palau appoint an SP whose operations are funded by the US for the first five years. The new Compact did provide for funding for judiciary and law enforcement, but its appropriation or use is upon the discretion of the President and the OEK.

The appointment of an SP has become a hot issue nowadays with the opposition and the majority blaming one another on the non-appointment of such official. Last year, President Toribong appointed David Hutton to be the SP of Palau. But Hutton's appointment was shot down by the Senate. The Senate instead passed a law that would appoint an SP on a "case by case" basis.

Recently, the President appointed Assistant Attorney-General Brentley Foster to become Palau's next SP. Foster's appointment is still being deliberated upon by the upper chamber of the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK).

The post of SP has been vacant since Michael Copeland resigned last 2009.

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financial package is an agreement only for purse sein fishing vessels.

The treaty allows up to 40 US-flagged purse seine vessels to fish in the exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of the 17 member parties.

"Under this treaty, an equal distribution is provided to each of the 17 Pacific island parties. This treaty is now being renegotiated for extension as the financial arrangement will expire next year.

"For over 10 years, the value of the treaty remained at \$21 million, but at the recent negotiation, the Pacific island parties and the United States reached an agreement of the financial package at \$63 million, which is subject to be reviewed every 2-years," said Ms. Nannette Malsol, director of the bureau of oceanic management, in her response to email inquiries from the news media.

Director Malsol, who in her capacity representing Palau as chair of PNA has played a leading role in the increase of the value of the treaty through the renegotiation process to \$63 million.

Ayana shines in Oceania tennis tournaments



Ayana Rengiil and the rest of the Junior Tennis Players from across the Pacific Oceania Region

Over 60 junior tennis players from the East, West and North Pacific competed in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships. The North Pacific team was made up of players from Saipan, Guam, FSM and Palau. Ayana Rengiil was a member of the North Pacific team. She participated in the Girls 15 and under event in both the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships and the Oceania Plate and placed 5th in both.

Ayana would like to thank

all the donors for their financial support which made her trip possible.

The junior tennis classes will commence Monday, August 27, 2012. If you're interested in

the junior tennis program please call 775-2429 or 778-1212. Those who do well will be part of Palau's team to the North Pacific Qualifying in Saipan in July of 2013.

Maido, Keane, Joynal top Walk for Life

Rhema Joy Maido, Noel Keane and Joynal Mize dominated their respective divisions in the Walk for Life at the Palau Track and Field Oval.

In the 5-Kilometer Women's Division, Maido topped the race with a time of 33.41. She was followed by Berneace Balayo (33.43) and Ollilai Chilton (36.06).

The top three finishers in the 5-K Men's Division were the following: Noel Keane (35.55), Alonz Moses (41.39), and Senator Regis Akitaya

(45.36). The 5-K route was from the Oval to the Old President's Office and back.

In the 10-K Men's Division, the winners were Joynal Mize (57.25), Palau Zipagan (57.31), and Fuanes Oiterong (1:06.03). The 10-K route was from the Oval to the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) and back.

Participants received t-shirts from the organizers. The event was made possible through the efforts of the KSG Youth Division staff, PNOG, & Track athletes.

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and submarines would knock out China's long-range surveillance radar and precision missile systems located deep inside the country. The initial "blinding campaign" would be followed by a larger air and naval assault.

Air-Sea Battle drew little attention when U.S. troops were fighting and dying in large numbers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now the military's decade of battling insurgencies is ending, defense budgets are being cut, and top military officials, ordered to pivot toward Asia, are looking to Marshall's office for ideas.

In recent months, the Air Force and Navy have come up with more than 200 initiatives they say they need to realize Air-Sea Battle. The list emerged, in part, from war games conducted by Marshall's office and includes new weaponry and proposals to deepen cooperation between the Navy and the Air Force.

Privately, senior Pentagon officials concede that Air-Sea Battle's goal is to help U.S. forces weather an initial Chinese assault and counterattack to destroy sophisticated radar and missile systems built to keep U.S. ships away from China's coastline.

The war games run by...

Budgetary Assessments

(CSBA) are set 20 years in the future and cast China as a hegemonic and aggressive enemy. Guided anti-ship missiles sink U.S. aircraft carriers and other surface ships.

Simultaneous Chinese strikes destroy American air bases, making it impossible for the U.S. military to launch its fighter jets.

The outnumbered American force fights back with conventional strikes on China's mainland, knocking out long-range precision missiles and radar.

Some critics doubt that China, which owns \$1.6 trillion in U.S. debt and depends heavily on the American economy, would strike U.S. forces out of the blue.

Other defense analysts warn that an assault on the Chinese mainland carries potentially catastrophic risks and could quickly escalate to nuclear Armageddon.

The war games elided these concerns. Instead they focused on how U.S. forces would weather the initial Chinese missile salvo and attack.

To survive, allied commanders dispersed their planes to austere airfields on the Pacific islands of Tinian and Palau. They built bomb-resistant aircraft shelters and brought in rapid runway repair kits to fix damaged airstrips.

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fishing rights and fees are distributed base on a formula where the national government receives 15 percent and state governments getting the remaining 85 percent.

The 85 percent allocated to the state is divided where 55 percent will be distributed equally to each of the 16 state governments. The remaining 30 percent will be based on the population of each state.

Fishing revenues from other Pacific island countries goes directly to their respective national fisheries authorities.

submarines waged a counter-attack. The allied approach became the basis for the Air-Sea Battle.

Although the Pentagon has struggled to talk publicly about Air-Sea Battle, CSBA has not been similarly restrained.

In 2010, it published a 125-page paper outlining how the concept could be used to fight a war with China.

The paper contains less detail than the classified Pentagon version. Shortly after its publication, U.S. allies in Asia, frustrated by the Pentagon's silence on the subject, began looking to CSBA for answers.

Crime...from page 1

fight across from Palau High School last Thursday before noon time. One student was reportedly hit, kicked, and injured by several other students. He was hurt and taken to the hospital. It is not known whether anyone has been arrested for the incident.

Two prisoners were taken to hospital last week for taking drugs but Public Safety Bureau

refused to disclose their name and how they obtained drug in the prison. Violent crime which occur in Koror Jail is difficult to cover as they are disclosed by the top official of Public Safety Bureau who operates the jail of over 70 mates.

Reports of other crime like assault and battery, disturbing peace, public nuisance, thefts, robberies, and others are on the rise and fill Police Blotter every week.

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to Tia Belau show that Attorney Randall Cunliffe petitioned the President for executive clemency in the form of a commutation of the 90 days jail sentence of the Senator, not full pardon. The petition was dated June 12, 2012 while the Senator was incarcerated on June 11, 2012.

The Senator stressed that he has no idea where the information came from and that he

said that he did not instruct lawyer to file a petition for pardon. Guam-based lawyer Randall Cunliffe is representing Senator. The President has denied or granted any form of clemency to the Senator.

Baules earlier pleaded guilty to seven counts of assault and battery, and was sentenced to 90-day jail term as part of a plea bargain. He is serving the sentence which will end on September...