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weapons acquisitions. Instead of perceiving of arming as abnormal behavior, the book views arming as a natural strategic behavior of states and military modernisation as a basic requirement for a state's ability to survive. This book will be of much interest to students of Asian security, strategic studies and International Relations in general." (p. de garde)

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